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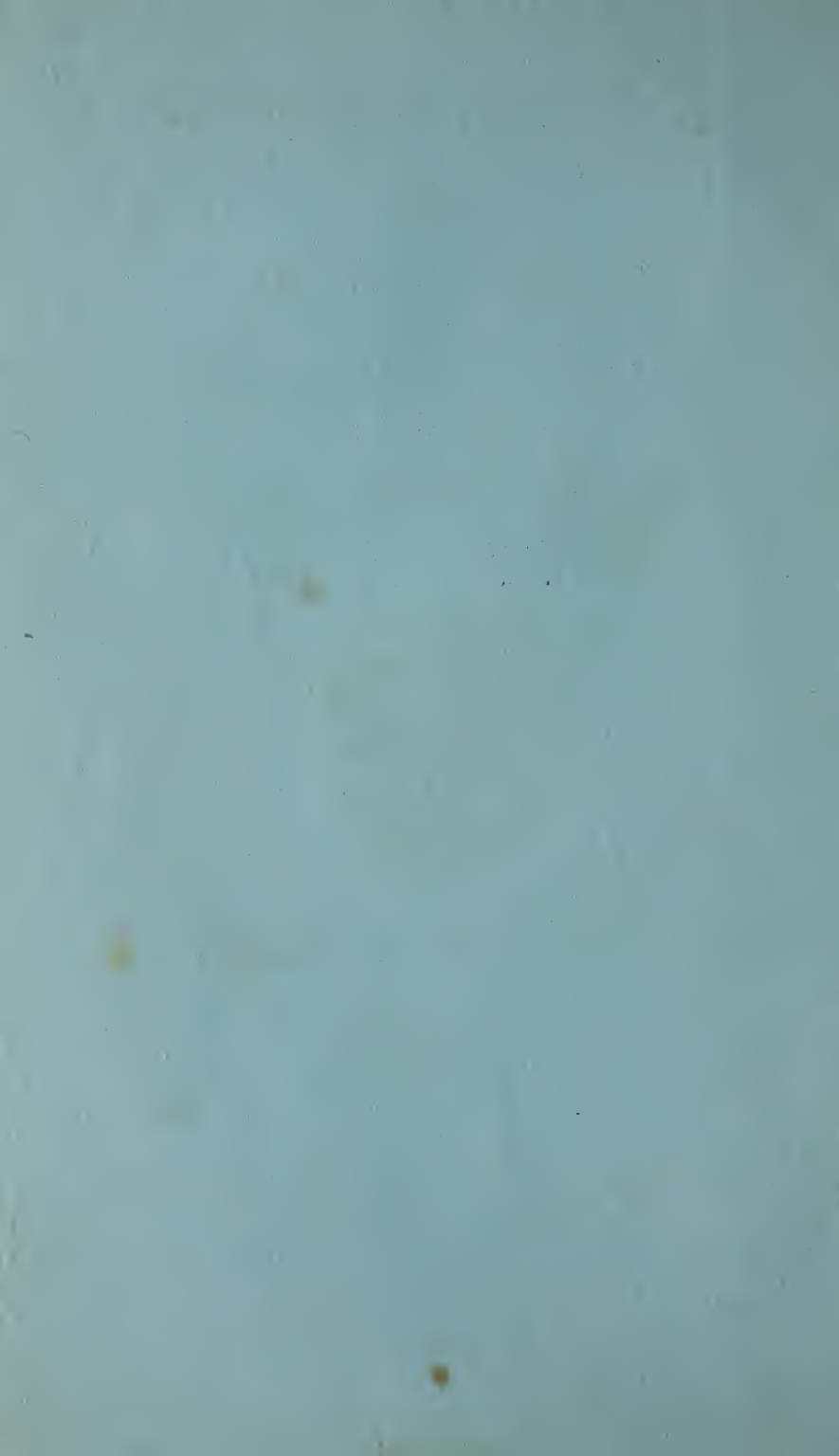
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1914

Town Clerk

Selwyn H. Graham.

Selectmen

Thomas W. Pollock.

James McLaughlin.

George McIntire.

Assessors

Thomas W. Pollock, 3 years.

George McIntire, 2 years.

Hugh McCafferty, 1 year.

Overseers of Poor

Thomas W. Pollock.

James McLaughlin.

George McIntire.

Treasurer

Walter S. McIntire.

School Committee

Joseph M. Howe, 3 years.

Walter W. Skelton, 2 years.

James McLaughlin, 1 year.

Library Trustees

William Graham, 3 years.

Walter S. McIntire, 2 years.

Lester B. Skelton, 1 year.

Park Commissioners

Melville H. C. Nichols, 3 years.

William Graham, 2 years.

Lester B. Skelton, 1 year.

Auditors

Henry A. Foster.

Orray S. Skelton.

Highway Surveyor
George W. Bustead.

Cemetery Commissioners.

George D. Getchell, 3 years. Walter W. Skelton, 2 years.
William Graham, 1 year.

Collector of Taxes
Charles T. Boston.

Board of Health.

George McIntire. James McLaughlin.
Thomas W. Pollock.

Constables

Chester H. Graham. Frank C. Pearsons.

Forest Tree Warden.
Walter W. Skelton.

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Frank C. Pearsons.

Public Weigher
Solon Johnson.

Measurer of Lumber.
Horace B. Skelton.

Inspector of Animals
Thomas W. Pollock.

Special Police.

Orray S. Skelton. Joseph M. Howe.

Burial Agent for Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.
Walter W. Skelton.

Report of the Town Clerk.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Burlington:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report of the records of this office for the year 1914.

Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1914

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Burlington, in said County:

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Burlington, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the School House in said Town on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1914, at six o'clock in the forenoon, there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers, namely: a Town Clerk, for three years, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, one Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Park Commissioner, for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, and two Constables.

Also to bring in your ballots, yes or no, in answer to the following question:—

“Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?”

To vote yes, or no, on the following question :—

“Shall Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1913, being an act to provide for compensating laborers, workmen and mechanics for injuries sustained in public employment, and to exempt from legal liability, counties and municipal corporations, which pay such compensation, be accepted by the inhabitants of this Town?”

To vote yes, or no, on the following question :—

“Shall this Town accept the provisions of Section 42, of Chapter 514, of the Acts of the year 1909, as affected by Chapter 494, of the Acts of the year 1911, which provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work for city or Town employees?”

Article 3. To act on the report of the Auditors, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, Cemetery Commissioners, Park Commissioners, Library Trustees, and Highway Surveyor.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics, for an audit of its accounts, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 598, Acts of 1910, and amendments thereof.

Article 6. To see what time the Town will have the taxes collected and paid into the Treasury.

Article 7. To raise and appropriate money to defray the expenses of the Town for the current financial year and determine through whom same shall be expended :

Schools,
Transportation,
Highways and Bridges,
Removal of Snow,
Poor,
Library,
Cemeteries,
Street Lights,

Memorial Day,
Health,
Assessors' Department,
Auditors' Department,
Collector's Department,
Elections and Registrations,
Inspection of Animals,
Sealer of Weights and Measures,
Selectmen's Department,
Town Clerk's Department,
Treasurer's Department,
State Aid,
Legal Department,
Moth Department,
Tree Warden,
Industrial Education,
Insurance.

Article 8. To see what disposition the Town will make of the street railway, excise, corporation and bank taxes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of street lights, determine where they shall be placed, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to pay the taxes on the parsonage.

Article 11. To see what disposition the Town will make of the income from Simonds Park for 1913.

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to employ a school physician.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appear and defend all suits and actions at law that have or may be brought against the Town and to employ counsel therefor.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen authority to prosecute or bring action at law in behalf of the Town and to employ counsel therefor.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its

Selectmen to deed in behalf of the Town to Graham Bros., a strip of land on the easterly side of South Bedford Street.

Article 16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the money received from Town Hall insurance and sale of the Poor Farm.

Article 17. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in regard to the Town Hall location and to take any further action in regard to location and Town Hall that the Town may determine.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to improve the school yard.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to buy a snow plow and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

Article 20. To see if the Town will appropriate by transfer or otherwise a sum of money for repairs on Winn Street.

The polls will open at 6.10 in the forenoon and close at 4.30 in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the School House, one at the store of W. G. Fuller, and one on the billboard corner Bedford Street and State Road.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

THOMAS W. POLLOCK

GEORGE McINTIRE

JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Selectmen of Burlington.

Attested Copy:

CHESTER H. GRAHAM, *Constable.*

Proceedings at Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1914

Meeting called to order by the Town Clerk at 6.05 a. m. and warrant read to Article 3. It was then voted to dispense with the reading of the remainder of the warrant.

Article 1. Moderator elected by ballot. Whole number of ballots, 5. David E. Barnum had 5 votes and was declared elected and sworn.

Article 2. Election officers — Lester B. Skelton, Frank C. Pearsons and Guy E. Reed. Sworn.

Package said to contain 190 regular ballots and 50 special ballots (for school committee only) delivered to the Election Officers and receipt taken therefor.

Ballot Box examined and found empty.

Register at 000. Ballot Box locked and keys delivered to the Constable.

Polls declared open at 6.17 a. m.

Henry A. Foster was sworn and took up his duties as Election Officer. It was then voted that when the meeting adjourned it be adjourned to Monday, March 9, 1914, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Polls closed at 4.30 p. m.

Register at 117. Check lists were counted showing 116 names of men and 2 women checked.

Ballots taken from the Ballot Box and counted, showing 116 regular ballots and 2 special ballots, the Ballot Box register having skipped one in receiving.

Ballots were canvassed and counted and record made therefor, and the ballots and check lists were sealed as required.

The result of the vote as determined by the Moderator is as follows:

Town Clerk, 3 years, whole number of ballots, 116.

*Selwyn H. Graham 97

Blanks 19

Selectmen, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*George McIntire	100
*Thomas W. Pollock	79
*James McLaughlin	83
Frederick W. Richardson	49
Blanks	37
Assessor, 3 years, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*Thomas W. Pollock	87
Blanks	29
Overseer of Poor, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*George McIntire	102
*James McLaughlin	96
*Thomas W. Pollock	91
Blanks	51
Treasurer, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*Walter S. McIntire	102
Melville H. C. Nichols	1
Blanks	13
Auditors, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*Henry A. Foster	92
*Orray S. Skelton	91
Blanks	49
Tax Collector, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*Charles T. Boston	97
Blanks	19
First Constable, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*Chester H. Graham	98
Blanks	18
Park Commissioner, 3 years, whole number of ballots, 116.	
Melville H. C. Nichols	46
Guy E. Reed	46
Frank C. Pearsons	1
George Getchell	1
Blanks	22
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*George D. Getchell	66
Melville H. C. Nichols	34
Guy E. Reed	2
Blanks	14

Tree Warden, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*Walter W. Skelton	88
Blanks	28
Second Constable, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*Frank C. Pearsons	49
Melville H. C. Nichols	44
Guy E. Reed	2
Blanks	21
Highway Surveyor, 1 year, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*George W. Bustead	58
Joseph L. Foster	51
Blanks	6
School Committee, 3 years, whole number of ballots, 118.	
*Joseph M. Howe	64
Joseph H. Butters	49
Blanks	5
Library Trustee, 3 years, whole number of ballots, 116.	
*William Graham	98
Blanks	18
Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?	
Yes	37
No	55
Blanks	24
“Shall Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1913, being an act to provide for compensating laborers, workmen and mechanics for injuries sustained in public employment, and to exempt from legal liability counties and municipal corporations which pay such compensation, be accepted by the inhabitants of this Town?”	
Yes	34
No	32
Blanks	50
“Shall this Town accept the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter 514 of the Acts of the year 1909, as affected by Chapter 494 of the Acts of the year 1911, which provides that 8 hours shall constitute a day’s work for city or town employees?”	
Yes	37

No	34
Blanks	45

*Elected and sworn.

Recount of Ballots for Park Commissioner and Second Constable, March 7, 1914

On a petition presented by Melville H. C. Nichols and signed by ten (10) or more qualified voters of the Town, the ballots for the offices of Park Commissioner and Second Constable were recounted at the Selectmen's Room, March 7, 1914, at 5 o'clock p. m., and the result obtained as follows:—

Park Commissioner

Melville H. C. Nichols	46
Guy E. Reed	45
Guy Reed	1
George D. Getchell	1
Frank C. Pearsons	1
Blanks	22

Second Constable

Frank C. Pearsons	48
Melville H. C. Nichols	44
Guy Reed	2
Frank C. Pearsons	1
Blanks	21

Proceedings at Adjourned Town Meeting March 9, 1914

Meeting called to order at 7.30 p. m. by the Moderator and a recess of 15 minutes declared.

Meeting again called to order at 7.50 p. m.

Town Officers for the ensuing year were sworn by the Moderator, with the exception of the Auditors and Park Commissioner for three years.

Article 2. It was voted that all petty officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Article 3. Voted that the report of the Auditors be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Overseers of Poor be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Treasurer be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Tax Collector be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Assessors be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Cemetery Commissioners be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Park Commissioners be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Library Trustees be accepted.

Voted that the report of the Highway Surveyor be accepted.

Article 4. Voted that Article 4 be laid on the table.

Article 5. A motion was made that the Selectmen be authorized to petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics for an audit of the Town's Accounts, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 598, Acts of 1910, and amendments thereof. Not carried. 38 against and none in favor.

Article 6. Voted that all taxes for the present year shall become due and payable on the 15th of November, 1914. 25 in favor and none opposed.

It was also voted that interest be charged at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on all taxes collected after the 15th of November.

Article 7. *Schools.* Voted that \$717.50, the re-imbursement for high school tuition, \$998.01 from the Massachusetts School Fund, \$187.50 from the Superintendent's Fund, and

\$2,000.00 to be raised by taxation, amounting to \$3,803.01, be appropriated for the maintenance of the schools, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. 35 in favor and none opposed.

Transportation. Voted that \$649.69 be transferred from the interest account and \$251.55 be transferred from the income from Simonds Park for 1913, and the sum, \$901.24, be appropriated for transportation of school children, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Highways and Bridges. Voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of highways and bridges, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor. 45 in favor and none opposed.

It was also voted that the excess bills of 1913 on Sears Street, Mill Street, and the general appropriation be charged to the above appropriation.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire the sum of \$2,000.00 at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent, and give a note therefor to be paid within one year from date; the money to be appropriated for the completion of South Bedford Street. 28 in favor and none opposed.

Removal of Snow. Voted that \$100 be raised by taxation and this amount with the unexpended balance of \$200 be appropriated for the removal of snow, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor.

Poor. Voted that \$337.50 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the Poor Department as follows:—

Salaries of Overseers of Poor \$37.50

Care of Poor 300.00

This amount, with the unexpended balance of last year to be expended under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor.

Library. Voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of the Library, for the ensuing ten (10) months.

Cemeteries. Voted that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and

appropriated for the care of cemeteries.

Voted that the unexpended balance of last year be appropriated in connection with the amount to be raised.

Street Lights. Voted that the sum of \$200.00 be raised by taxation and that the unexpended balance be appropriated for the maintenance of street lights.

Memorial Day. Voted that the sum of \$75.00 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the Observance of Memorial Day, to be expended under the direction of Walter W. Skelton.

Health. Voted that the sum of \$30.00 be raised by taxation and appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health as follows:—

Salary	\$25.00
Expenses	5.00

Assessors' Department. Voted that \$196.64 be raised and appropriated for the Assessors' Department, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors as follows:—

Salaries	\$124.98
Clerk Hire	41.66
Expenses	30.00

Auditors' Department. Voted that this subject be dismissed.

Collector's Department. Motion made that \$217 be raised by taxation and appropriated to be expended in the Collector's Department as follows:—

Salary	\$167.00
Bond	25.00
Expenses	25.00

Not carried.

Motion made that the Collector be paid 2 per cent on all taxes paid into the Treasury. Not carried. 18 in favor and 25 opposed.

Motion made that \$217 be raised and appropriated for the Collector's Department to be expended as follows:—

Salary	\$167.00
Bond	25.00
Expenses	25.00

And it was so voted. 30 in favor and 6 opposed.

Elections and Registrations. Voted that \$116.50 be raised by taxation and appropriated for elections and registration expenses to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen as follows:—

Salaries	\$42.50
Other expenses	74.00

Inspection of Animals. Voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$125 for the salary of Inspector of Animals, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen. 34 in favor and 5 opposed.

After some discussion a motion was made that we reconsider the previous motion and it was so voted. Action was then taken on the original motion and the motion was lost.

A motion was made that we raise and appropriate \$218.75 to compensate the Inspector of Animals for the balance due him for the past year, which ends April 1, 1914, and for his salary for the next 9 months, ending January 1, 1915, and it was so voted. 40 in favor and none opposed.

Sealer of Weights and Measures. Voted that \$97.50 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen as follows:

Salary	\$12.50
Other expenses	85.00

22 in favor and none opposed.

Selectmen's Department. Voted that \$375.00 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the Selectmen's Department to be expended by the Selectmen as follows:

Salaries	\$125.00
Other expenses	250.00

Town Clerk's Department. Voted that \$150 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the Town Clerk's Department to be expended under the direction of the Town Clerk.

Salary	\$125.00
Other expenses	25.00

All fees of the office to be returned to the Town.

Treasurer's Department. Voted that \$113.34 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the Treasurer's Department to be expended by the Treasurer as follows:—

Salary	\$83.34
Bond	25.00
Other expenses	5.00

State Aid. Voted that \$100.00 is hereby appropriated from any unappropriated money that may be in the Treasury, and this, together with the balance from last year, be expended under the direction of the Selectmen for State Aid.

Legal. Voted that \$150 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the Legal Department, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Moth Department. Voted that \$310.72 be raised by taxation and this with the balance of \$14.28 be appropriated for the suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Tree Warden. Voted that \$98.50 be raised by taxation and this with the balance of \$1.50 be appropriated and expended under the direction of the Tree Warden.

Industrial Education. Voted that \$59 be transferred from the miscellaneous account, and \$141 be raised by taxation; the sum of these, \$200, to be appropriated for Industrial Education, to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Insurance. Voted that \$22.40 be raised by taxation and appropriated for insurance to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 8. Voted that \$185.25 be transferred to Kent Bridge Account and the remainder of the Street Railway, Excise, Corporation and Bank taxes amounting to \$2,184.09, be appropriated for the completion of the construction of South Bedford Street. 23 in favor and none opposed.

Article 9. Motion to dismiss the Article. Not carried. After some discussion a motion was made that 12 lights be installed from the church to Keating's Corner (so called). Not carried.

Motion that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for the installation of 25 lights to be placed in positions according to their discretion. Motion was lost by a vote of 22 to 24.

A motion was made that the Selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for the installation of 15 lights. Not carried. 16 in favor and 23 opposed.

Motion was made to dismiss the Article and it was so voted. 27 in favor and 6 opposed.

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to Monday, March 16, 1914, at 7.30 p. m. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 10.55 p. m.

Proceedings at Adjourned Town Meeting Monday, March 16, 1914

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 7.30 p. m. After a short recess a motion was made to adjourn the meeting until Monday, March 23, at 7.30 p. m., and the following resolutions were submitted and adopted.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Almira (Shedd) Skelton, 1841-1914.

In the death of Mrs. Skelton, the Town of Burlington has lost a noble character who has worthily filled the role of woman, wife and mother. Ever ready to respond to the call for service, her broad sympathies found expression in many channels of helpfulness among her kinsfolk, her neighbors, the community at large, and the church in the activities of which she was for many years a faithful worker.

Springing from sturdy New England stock, she inherited its virtues and transmitted them, in a large degree, to her children, several of whom have proved their worth in official station.

Her life was a benediction and her memory will be cherished by old and young alike, as that of a true woman, and kind friend whose heart was ever open to appeal and whose hands never tired in doing for others.

As a mark of respect to her memory we, the citizens of the Town of Burlington, hereby order that this formal expression of our regret, and of our neighborly and sincere sympathy with the bereaved family, be spread upon the records of this meeting and that the Town Clerk be instructed to forward to the family a copy of this resolution and as a further mark of kindly remembrance this meeting be adjourned for one week.

It was then voted that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7.50 p. m.

Proceedings at Adjourned Town Meeting March 23, 1914

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 7.30 p. m. and a recess of 15 minutes declared. Meeting called to order at 7.45 p. m.

Article 4. Motion was made to take up Article 4 and it was so voted. It was voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1914, and to issue a note, or notes, therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the said financial year. 17 in favor and 4 opposed.

Article 7. Voted to take up Article 7. Voted that \$2,000 be raised by taxation and appropriated to re-imburse the Treasury for money spent in the construction of South Bedford Street. 12 in favor and none opposed.

Voted that \$81.16 of the funds for the suppression of liquor, and the balance remaining from the Kaufman Hill account be transferred to the Selectmen's account.

Voted, that \$65 of the funds for the suppression of liquor be transferred to the account for the removal of snow.

Voted that \$41.67 be raised and appropriated for the salaries of Town Auditors for the remaining ten (10) months of this year.

Voted that the Town draw from the Treasury and pay the taxes on the parsonage.

Article 11. Voted to dismiss the Article.

Article 12. Voted that the sum of \$20 be set aside from the school appropriation to pay a school physician.

Article 13. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appear and defend all suits and actions at law, that have, or may be brought against the Town, and employ counsel therefor.

Article 14. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized in accordance with the Article.

Article 15. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to deed to William J. and Chester H. Graham a parcel of land on the northeasterly side of South Bedford Street, not to exceed 4,000 feet, for the consideration of \$1.00. 25 in favor and none opposed.

Article 16. Voted that the money received by the Town from the sale of the Town Farm and insurance on the Town Hall be used in anticipation of revenue.

Article 17. Committee reported as per letter of Attorney Johnson below, and the report accepted. After some consideration it was voted to lay the Article on the table until some adjourned meeting to be decided later. 18 in favor and 12 opposed.

(Attorney Johnson's letter is below.)

March 9, 1914.

Board of Selectmen, Burlington, Mass.

Gentlemen:— We beg to report in the matter of seeking to ascertain whether or not a Town Hall can be built on the Park.

After an examination of law in reference to the matter

we brought in the Supreme Court for the County of Middlesex a petition for construction of the will of the late Marshall Simonds. It appeared that the Attorney General of the Commonwealth had a right to be heard in the matter on behalf of the public, and accordingly he was notified of the proceeding.

A representative of this office had several consultations with him in regard to the matter, but he never filed any answer in the case although he repeatedly promised to do so.

The matter went along in this way until last fall, when on account of the election of a new Attorney General, it seemed unwise to bring the matter before the court until the new incumbent, Thomas J. Boynton, Esq., had an opportunity to consider the matter.

We had a conference with him shortly after his election and he promised that upon taking office he would file an answer in the matter right away. The last time we examined the records, however, he had not done so, and he has not since notified us of his doing so.

The Supreme Court next sits on the third Tuesday of April at Lowell, and it is our intention to bring the matter before the Court at that time, whether or not the Attorney General files an answer.

If the Supreme Court decides that the Town has the right to place the Town Hall on the Park land, it will still be necessary to obtain permission from the Legislature before the building can be erected. With this in mind we drafted and presented to the legislature a petition and bill for this purpose. When the matter came up in committee, it had not been possible to obtain the decision of the Supreme Court.

Accordingly the proper course seemed to be to ask to have the matter referred to the next General Court, and this the Chairman of the Committee stated would be done. If the Supreme Court favors such a use of the Park, the matter can be brought before the next legislature if the Town so desires.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Johnson & Johnson,
by Edward Johnson.

Article 18. Voted to dismiss the Article.

Article 19. Motion made that the Town vote to purchase a snow plow, not to exceed the cost of \$55. Amendment made that the Town purchase a snow plow, not to exceed in cost \$65. 8 in favor and 2 opposed. And it was so voted that the sum of \$65 be taken from the appropriation for the removal of snow to pay for the same.

Article 20. Motion made that the sum of \$452.13, the balance left from Winn Street macadam account, be used for the repairing of Winn Street.

Amendment made that the Selectmen be authorized to petition the State Highway Commission to help repair Winn Street, any amount received to be used with the \$452.13, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen; and it was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9.25 p. m. until May 11, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Proceedings at Adjourned Town Meeting May 11, 1914

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 8 o'clock p. m. Melville H. C. Nichols given oath of office as Park Commissioner by Moderator.

Voted to take up Article 20.

Article 20. Voted that the sum of \$247.87 be raised by taxation and appropriated to be used in connection with other monies already appropriated for repairs on Winn Street. 18 in favor and none opposed.

Article 17. The Selectmen reported through the Chairman that the Court had not filed a reply regarding the location of a Town Hall on the Park Property.

Voted that the report of the Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Motion made that further action on Article 17 be indefinitely postponed.

Motion made that the meeting be adjourned until June 1, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m. And it was so voted.

Voted that the Town Clerk notify all the voters of the Adjourned Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8.35 p. m.

Proceedings at Adjourned Town Meeting June 1, 1914

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. by Moderator.

Article 17. The Selectmen reported through their Chairman that no reply had as yet been received from the Court regarding the location of a Town Hall on the Park Property. Voted that the report be accepted.

Motion made that a Committee of five (5) be appointed from the floor to select a site for the Town Hall, and it was so voted.

The Committee as selected are James McLaughlin, Edward D. Bennett, Hugh McCafferty, David E. Barnum and Horace B. Skelton.

Motion made that the Town build a Town Hall not to exceed in cost, \$15,000, including building and purchase of land. 28 in favor and none opposed.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$15,000, giving notes of the Town therefor, one payable each year with interest; said notes to fall due December 1, of each year, to be paid from the revenue derived from the taxes of that year; the rate of interest not to exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, the same to be paid semi-annually. 28 in favor and none opposed.

Motion was made that the Committee as appointed from the floor, have full powers to procure a site and build a hall, and their decision as regards to site and hall be final. 25 in

favor and none opposed.

Voted that the Committee procure a site within 30 days and that the Hall be completed within 6 months. 24 in favor and none opposed.

Motion made that the Selectmen be authorized to withdraw their petition from the Supreme Court and the General Court with regard to the location of the Town Hall on the Park Property. 31 in favor and one opposed.

Motion was made that a clause be inserted in the vote whereby we voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire \$15,000 as follows:—

“That the said \$15,000 be used for the construction of a Hall and for the purchase of a site for the same,” so that the original vote will be as follows:—

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$15,000 to be used for the construction of a Town Hall and the purchase of a site for the same, giving notes of the Town, therefor, etc., and it was so voted. 28 in favor and none opposed.

Motion made that the meeting be dissolved. Dissolved at 9.13 p. m.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting July 15, 1914

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

*To Either of the Constables of the Town of Burlington in
said County:—*

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Burlington qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Schoolhouse in said Town on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, 1914, at 8 o'clock in the evening, there to act on the following Articles.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken June 1, 1914, whereby the Town voted to build a Town Hall or do or act anything in relation to the same. Frank G. Winn and 33 others.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to change the site as selected by the Building Committee for the Town Hall, or do or act anything in relation to the same. Frank G. Winn and 33 others.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen with the Town Counsel to consult the Trustees of the Estate of Marshall Simonds in regard to future development of the Centre of the Town, and to report the same in the near future, or do or act anything in relation to the same. Frank G. Winn and 33 others.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise an additional sum of money by taxation to pay for the renewal of insurance on the Schoolhouse coming due the present year, or do or act anything in regard to it.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the store of Wm. G. Fuller, one at Peckham's Corner, and one on the billboard opposite the Library, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as aforesaid. Whereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of July, 1914.

THOMAS W. POLLOCK
GEORGE McINTIRE
JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Selectmen of Burlington.

Proceedings at Special Town Meeting July 15, 1914

Meeting called to order by Town Clerk at 8.03 p. m. and

warrant read.

Article 1. Moderator elected by ballot. Total number of ballots 27. David E. Barnum had 23 votes, Horace B. Skelton 1, James McLaughlin 1, and William Bustead 1. David E. Barnum was declared elected and sworn.

Article 2. Motion made that the Article be dismissed and it was so voted. 41 in favor and 10 opposed.

Article 3. Motion made that the Town vote to include the site that the Building Committee selected as a part of the Simonds Park and that they request the Trustees of the Marshall Simonds Estate to pay for the same. Motion not carried. Motion made that Article 3 be dismissed and it was so voted.

Article 4. Motion made that the Article be dismissed and it was so voted.

Article 5. Voted that \$255 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the renewal of insurance on the Schoolhouse for the present year, and it was so voted.

Motion made that the meeting be dissolved. Meeting dissolved at 9.30 p. m.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting August 17, 1914

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

*To Either of the Constables of the Town of Burlington, in
said County:—*

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Burlington qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Schoolhouse in said Town, on Monday, the 17th day of

August, 1914, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote by ballot, yes or no, on the remaining articles of this warrant, the polls to remain open until 9 o'clock p. m.

Article 3. To see if the Town will instruct its Town Hall Committee heretofore appointed, to accept in behalf of the Town from the Trustees under the will of Marshall Simonds, a lot of land on Center Street in Burlington, bounded and described as follows:—

By Center Street about 230 feet, by other land of said Trustees about 214 feet, by land of Dearborn about 228 feet, by land of Addie Blodgett about 278 feet, being a part of the Stevenson place, so-called, and consisting of about 1 1-3 acres. Said land to be used as a location for the new Town Hall.

Article 4. To see if the Town will accept from the Trustees under the will of Marshall Simonds a sum of money equal to the total expense to the Town of acquiring the land on Bedford Street, conveyed by Catherine Rogan to the Town, said land to be included in, and made a part of Simonds Park and accepted by the Town for this purpose in accordance with the will of Marshall Simonds.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the store of Wm. G. Fuller, one on the public board opposite the Library and one on the public board at Peckham's Corner, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 8th day of August, 1914.

THOMAS W. POLLOCK

GEORGE McINTIRE

JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Selectmen of Burlington.

Attested Copy:

FRANK C. PEARSONS, *Constable.*

Proceedings at Special Town Meeting August 17, 1914

Meeting called to order by Town Clerk at 4 o'clock and warrant read.

Article 1. Moderator elected by ballot Total number of ballots 43. Orray S. Skelton had 24 votes and David E. Barnum had 19 votes. Orray S. Skelton declared elected and sworn.

Article 2. Motion that the Town vote by ballot, "yes or no," on the remaining Articles in the warrant — the Australian System of balloting to be adopted and the polls to be kept open until 9 o'clock p. m. and it was so voted. 22 in favor and 21 opposed.

Tellers appointed by Moderator as follows:—Fred F. Rogan, Frederick W. Richardson, Lester B. Skelton and Henry A. Foster.

Ballot Box examined and found empty.

Register at 000.

Ballot Box locked and keys delivered to the Moderator.

Ballots delivered to Ballot Clerks.

Polls declared open at 4.35 p. m. Polls closed at 9 o'clock p. m.

Whole number of ballots, 107.

Check lists counted, showing 107 male voters having voted. Ballots canvassed and counted and record made therefor, and the ballots and check lists were sealed.

The result of the vote as determined by the Moderator is as follows:—

To see if the Town will instruct its Town Hall Committee heretofore appointed, to accept in behalf of the Town, etc., a lot of land on Center Street to be used as a location for the new Town Hall.

Yes	47
No	57
Blanks	3

Article 4. To see if the Town will accept a sum of money,

etc., from the Trustees under the will of Marshall Simonds.

Yes	49
No	53
Blanks	4
Defective	1

Meeting dissolved at 10 o'clock p. m.

Warrant for State Primary, September 22, 1914

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

*To Either of the Constables of the Town of Burlington, in
said County:—*

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Schoolhouse the 22nd day of September, 1914, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., for the following purposes:—

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of political parties for

Governor,

Lieutenant Governor,

Secretary,

Treasurer,

Auditor,

Attorney General,

Representative in Congress,

Councillor,

Senator,

Two Representatives in the General Court,

County Commissioner,

District Attorney,

And for the election of the following officers: Members

of the State Committee for each political party, Members of the Town Committee for each political party, and Delegates to the State Convention. All of the above candidates and officers are to be voted for on one ballot.

The Polls will be open from 7.45 p. m. till 9.45 p. m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at Peckham's Corner, one on the bill-board on Wilmington Road, one at the Schoolhouse, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of September, 1914.

THOMAS W. POLLOCK
GEORGE McINTIRE
JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Selectmen of Burlington.

September 14, 1914.

I hereby certify that I have posted true and attested copies of the within warrant, one at the Schoolhouse, one at Peckham's Corner, and on the board at Wilmington Road, seven days before holding said meeting.

FRANK C. PEARSONS, *Constable.*

Proceedings at State Primary, September 22 1914

Meeting called to order at 7.30 p. m. and warrant read by Town Clerk.

Election officers — Lester B. Skelton, Frank C. Pearsons, Guy E. Reed and Henry A. Foster were elected and sworn.

Package said to contain 200 Republican Ballots, 200 Democratic and 150 Progressive Ballots with cards of instructions, etc., delivered to Presiding Officer and receipt taken therefor.

Ballot Box opened and examined. Found empty. It was then closed and locked. Register at 000.

Polls declared open at 7.48 p. m. Polls closed at 9.50 p. m.

Check lists counted, showing whole number as having voted 30. 27 Republicans and 3 Democrats.

Ballots canvassed and records made and all ballots and voting lists were sealed and endorsed and result read as follows:

REPUBLICAN.

Governor—Whole number of ballots, 27.

Samuel W. McCall, Winchester.....	22
Blanks	5

Lieutenant-Governor—Whole number of ballots, 27.

Grafton D. Cushing, Boston.....	6
August H. Goetting, Springfield.....	0
Elmer A. Stevens, Somerville.....	21
Blanks	0

Secretary—Whole number of ballots, 27.

Albert P. Langtry, Springfield.....	14
Frank L. Brier, Boston	3
William S. Kinney	1
Blanks	9

Treasurer—Whole number of ballots, 27.

Charles L. Burrill, Boston.....	13
Frederick E. Pierce, Greenfield.....	8
Blanks	6

Auditor—Whole number of ballots, 27.

Alonzo B. Cook, Boston	10
Joseph Monette, Lawrence	8
Blanks	9

Attorney-General—Whole number of ballots, 27.

John J. Higgins, Somerville.....	18
Henry C. Atwill, Lynn.....	3
James M. Hallowell, Newton.....	1
James A. Stiles, Gardner.....	1
John A. Curtin, Brookline.....	0
Blanks	4

Congressman—Whole number of ballots, 27.	
John Jacob Rogers, Lowell	25
Blanks	2
Councillor—Whole number of ballots, 27.	
Henry C. Mulligan, Natick	17
Blanks	10
Senator—Whole number of ballots, 27.	
Charles A. Kimball, Littleton.....	19
Otto Reither, Lynn	1
Blanks	7
Representatives in General Court—Whole number of ballots, 27	
Fred J. Brown, Woburn.....	13
Henry L. Andrews, Woburn.....	10
William F. Davis, Jr., Woburn.....	11
Jared B. McLane, Reading.....	10
Blanks	10
County Commissioner—Whole number of ballots, 27.	
Levi S. Gould, Melrose.....	16
Frederic P. Barnes, Newton.....	5
Julius Meyers, Cambridge	1
Blanks	5
State Committee—Whole number of ballots, 27.	
Louis Pfeiffer, Bedford	21
Blanks	6
Delegate to State Conventions—Whole number of ballots, 27.	
Thomas W. Pollock, Burlington.....	9
Thomas I. Reed, Burlington	1
James McLaughlin, Burlington	1
Blanks	16
Town Committee—Whole number of ballots, 27.	
Thomas W. Pollock, Burlington.....	8
George McIntire, Burlington	3
James McLaughlin, Burlington	7
George D. Getchell, Burlington	5
Frank C. Pearsons, Burlington	1
Blanks	57

DEMOCRATIC.

Governor—Whole number of ballots, 3.

David I. Walsh, Fitchburg	3
Blanks	0
Lieutenant Governor—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Edward P. Barry, Boston	1
Blanks	2
Secretary—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Frank J. Donahue, Boston	3
Blanks	0
Treasurer—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Frederick W. Mansfield, Boston	2
Blanks	1
Auditor—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Frank H. Pope, Leominster	2
Blanks	1
Attorney-General—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Thomas J. Boynton, Everett	2
Blanks	1
Congressman—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
J. Joseph O'Connor, Lowell	2
Blanks	1
Councillor—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
John J. Hogan, Lowell	2
Blanks	1
Senator—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Henry P. Dunn, Lynn	1
Thomas S. Cuff	0
Blanks	2
Representatives in General Court—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
William E. Kane	2
Dennis P. Blake, Woburn	1
Edward W. Kenney, Woburn	0
Thomas H. McGowan	0
William P. Shea	1
Blanks	2
County Commissioner—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
John B. McCloskey	1
William H. Walsh	1

Charles F. McCarthy, Marlborough	0
John J. Butler	0
Michael M. O'Connor	0
Peter J. McLaughlin	0
Blanks	1
State Committee—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
William H. Small	1
Blanks	2
Delegate to State Convention—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Lester B. Skelton, Burlington	1
Blanks	2
Town Committee—Whole number of ballots, 3.	
Lester B. Skelton, Burlington	1
Otis C. Haven, Burlington	1
John McGann, Burlington	1
Blanks	6
There were no Progressive Party Ballots cast.	

Warrant for State Election, November 3, 1914

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

*To Either of the Constables of the Town of Burlington, in
said County:—*

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Schoolhouse in said Town on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, in the year of our Lord 1914, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes for the following officers, namely:—

Governor,
Lieutenant Governor,
Secretary,

Treasurer,
Auditor,
Attorney-General,
Councillor,
Senator,
Two Representatives in the General Court,
County Commissioner,
Congressman,
District Attorney.

To vote "yes or no" on the following questions:

"Shall the Act passed by the General Court in the year 1914, Chapter 217, Acts of 1914, entitled "An Act relative to vacations of laborers employed by cities and towns be accepted?"

Shall the Act passed by the General Court in the year 1914, Chapter 688, Acts of 1914, "An Act to make Saturday a half-holiday for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by or in behalf of the Commonwealth and otherwise to regulate their employment, be accepted?"

Shall the Act passed by the General Court in the year 1914, entitled "An Act to abolish the enrolment of members of political parties and to limit the membership of ward and town committees" be accepted?

The Polls will be open at 6.15 in the forenoon and will close at 4.30 p. m. in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Schoolhouse, Peckham's Corner, and one at Wilmington Road, seven days before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at, or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of October, in the year 1914.

THOMAS W. POLLOCK
GEORGE McINTIRE
JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Selectmen of Burlington.

Proceedings at State Election, November 3, 1914

Meeting called to order by Chairman of Selectmen at 6 o'clock a. m. and warrant read by Clerk.

The Election Officers, Lester B. Skelton, George D. Getchell, Henry A. Foster and Guy E. Reed, were sworn.

Package said to contain 200 ballots, with specimen ballots, cards of instructions and penalties upon voters delivered to Presiding Officer and receipt taken therefor.

Ballot Box examined and found empty. It was then closed and locked and keys delivered to the Constable.

Register at 000. Polls declared open at 6.15 a. m. Polls declared closed at 4.30 p. m. Register at 91.

Check lists counted, showing whole number as having voted, 92. Ballot Box opened and ballots taken from box by Presiding Officer and counted aloud. Whole number 92, the register having skipped one.

Ballots canvassed and records made and all ballots and voting lists sealed and endorsed and the result of the vote read as follows:—

Governor—Whole number of ballots, 92.

Alfred H. Evans, Hadley	0
Samuel W. McCall, Winchester	56
Arthur E. Reimer, Boston	0
Samuel C. Roberts, Springfield	0
Joseph Walker, Brookline	7
David I. Walsh, Fitchburg	28
Blanks	1

Lieutenant Governor—Whole number of ballots, 92.

Edward P. Barry, Cambridge	19
Grafton D. Cushing, Boston	61
Arthur Howard, Salem	2
James P. Magenis, Boston	4
Sylvester J. McBride, Watertown	0
Patrick Mulligan, Boston	0
Blanks	6

Secretary—Whole number of ballots, 92.

Percy B. Ball, No. Attleborough	0
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Frank J. Donahue, Boston	20
James W. Holden, New Bedford	0
Albert P. Langtry, Springfield	55
William G. Merrill, Malden	0
Russell A. Wood, Cambridge	9
Blanks	8

Treasurer—Whole number of ballots, 92.

Charles L. Burrill, Boston	58
Joseph M. Coldwell, Milford	0
Frederick Fosdick, Fitchburg	7
Thomas A. Frissell, Hinsdale	0
Karl Lindstrand, Lynn	0
Frederick W. Mansfield	21
Blanks	6

Auditor—Whole number of ballots, 92.

Alonzo B. Cook, Boston	53
Daniel P. Donovan, Springfield	0
John Drysdale, North Adams	0
Frederick P. Glazier, Hudson	6
Fred E. Oelcher, Peabody	0
Frank H. Pope, Leominster	25
Blanks	8

Attorney-General—Whole number of ballots, 92.

Henry C. Attwill, Lynn	56
Thomas J. Boynton, Everett	24
John Hildreth, Holyoke	6
Howard B. Rand, Haverhill	1
John W. Sherman, Boston	0
William Taylor, Worcester	0
Blanks	5

Congressman—Whole number of ballots, 92.

J. Joseph O'Connor, Lowell	14
William N. Osgood, Lowell	6
John Jacob Rogers, Lowell	69
Blanks	3

Councillor—Whole number of ballots, 92.

John J. Hogan, Lowell	26
Harrie C. Hunter, Marlborough	10
Henry C. Mulligan, Natick	53

Blanks	3
Senator—Whole number of ballots, 92.	
Harry P. Dunn, Lynn	19
Charles A. Kimball, Littleton	58
Allen Brooks Parker, Acton	8
Blanks	7
Representatives in General Court—Whole number of ballots, 92	
Dennis P. Blake, Woburn	14
Fred J. Brown, Woburn	63
Edward W. Kenney, Woburn	16
Jared B. McLane, North Reading	64
Blanks	27
County Commissioner—Whole number of ballots, 92.	
George A. Goodwin, Cambridge	8
Levi S. Gould, Melrose	56
Charles F. McCarthy, Marlborough....	21
Blanks	7

Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen entitled, "An Act relative to vacations of laborers employed by cities and towns," be accepted?

Yes	19
No	43
Blanks	30

Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen to make Saturday a half-holiday, without loss of pay for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by, or on behalf of the Commonwealth and otherwise to regulate their employment, be accepted?

Yes	25
No	36
Blanks	31

Shall the Act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen providing for the abolition of party enrolment at Primary Elections, be accepted?

Yes	37
No	15
Blanks	40

Warrant for Special Town Meeting November 9, 1914

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

*To Either of the Constables of the Town of Burlington, in
said County:—*

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Burlington, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Schoolhouse in said Town on Monday, November the 9th, at 7.30 p. m., there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey by deed or release all right, title and interest that the Town may have in the land and building thereon situated in the northerly part of Burlington and known as the North Schoolhouse Property, for a nominal consideration.

Article 3. To see if the Town will accept from the Trustees under the will of Marshall Simonds the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) heretofore appropriated by the Town and to be used under the direction of the Town Hall Committee for the erection of the Town Hall; and a further sum of money from said Trustees equal to the total expense to the Town of Burlington of acquiring the land on Bedford Street, conveyed by Catherine Rogan to the Town, and will include said Rogan land in, and make it a part of Simonds Park, and will accept said Rogan land for this purpose in accordance with the will of Marshall Simonds and the Statutes of this Commonwealth relating to Public Parks.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Standing Committee of five (5) citizens, with power to fill

vacancies, to be known as the "Civic and Development Committee" who shall investigate and report from time to time to the Town matters of Public Interest, which they may deem important.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof; one at the Schoolhouse, one on the billboard on South Bedford Street, one at Wilmington Road, and one at the store of Wm. G. Fuller, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirty-first day of October, 1914.

THOMAS W. POLLOCK
GEORGE McINTIRE
JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Selectmen of Burlington.

Special Town Meeting, November 9, 1914

Meeting called to order by Town Clerk at 7.30 p. m. and warrant read.

Article 1. A motion was made that the Clerk cast one ballot for David E. Barnum to serve as Moderator and it was so voted; the vote being unanimous. David E. Barnum was declared elected and sworn.

Article 2. Voted that the Town authorize its Board of Selectmen to convey by deed or release all right, title and interest that the Town may have in the land and building thereon situated in the northerly part of Burlington and known as the North Schoolhouse Property, for the consideration of one dollar (\$1.00). 17 in favor and none opposed.

Article 3. Voted that the Town will accept from the Trustees under the will of Marshall Simonds the sum of

Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) appropriated by the Town and to be used, under the direction of the Town Hall Committee, for the erection of the Town Hall, and a further sum of money from said Trustees, equal to the total expense to the Town of acquiring the land on Bedford Street conveyed by Catherine Rogan to the Town, and will include said Rogan land in and make it a part of Simonds Park, and will accept said Rogan land for this purpose in accordance with the will of Marshall Simonds and the Statutes of this Commonwealth relating to Public Parks. 25 in favor and none opposed.

Article 4. Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of five (5) citizens with power to fill vacancies, to be known as the "Civic and Development Committee" who shall investigate and report to the Town from time to time any matters of public interest which they may deem important. 18 in favor and none opposed.

Voted that the Moderator be allowed one month in which to appoint the Committee, and at the end of one month to report his choice to the Selectmen.

Meeting dissolved at 7.57 p. m.

LIST OF DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1914

	M	F		M	F
Webster Bennett	2		Catherine Breen	1	
Dennis Cleigh	1		Martha E. S. Curtis	1	
Morris Comley	1	1	John Moglia	1	
William J. Carroll	1		Hugh McCafferty	1	
Mrs. John Cummings	1		Joseph Marcotte	1	
Mrs. Chapman	1		William McDevitt	1	
Beatrice E. Dubois		1	George McIntire	1	1
Harry Davies	1		Wilbur C. McIntire	1	
Thomas Demarico	1		Walter S. McIntire	1	
Charles Dearborn	1		Robert McLaughlin	1	
Patrick Donovan	1		Selwyn H. Graham	1	
Wm. G. Fuller	1		G. W. Page	1	
Joseph L. Foster	1		George B. Perkins	1	
Charles H. Foster	1		William J. Pollock	1	
Owen Gorman	1		Everett Parke, Jr.	1	
Given Brothers	1		John Peterson	1	
Willard Ginn	1		George Reed	1	
William Graham	1		E. M. Sherman	1	
Mrs. Ella Getchell	1		Frederick W. Richardson	1	
John H. Graham	1		George Brochu	1	
Bernard F. Gerhard	1		Joseph Brochu	1	
Chester H. Graham	1		John Salamone	1	
Howard A. Goodwin	1		Estate of John Taylor	1	
James W. Gowen	1		Edward Sullivan		1
Charles Hayes	1		N. C. Skilton	2	
Charles W. Hawkins	2		George T. Stubbs	1	
George A. Hicks	2		Walter W. Skelton	1	
Joseph M. Howe	2		Herman Simmer	1	
Peter Chris Johnson	1		O. Turnbull		1
Christopher Johnson	1		John Taylor	1	
Patrick Keating	1		Addison Twining	1	
George E. Kendall	1		Lillian E. Wilson	1	
Herbert E. Lord	1		Mrs. William Winn	1	
John A. Lawson	1		Alfred Watts	1	
David F. Lundin	1		John G. Winn	1	
Daniel Lundrigan	1		Robert C. Wilson	1	
John A. Little		1	William Winn	1	
Olive S. Barnum	1		James Wood	1	1
Joseph H. Butters	1		Mrs. Caroline Von Webber	1	
D. Leland Barnum		1	Berthold Bamberg	1	

Whole number 88, Males 80, Females 8, 1 Breeders' License.

BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR 1914

Date	Name	Parents
Feb. 28	Lillian M. Johnson	Simon and Olga (Danielson)
Mar. 13	— — Turnbull	Robert and Chris- tine (Matthison)
April 14	Kenneth W. Holbrook	Harrison E. and Lillian (Hrowes)
Aug. 19	Gladys May Nichols	William A. and Nellie (Blake)
Sept. 2	Dorothy F. Walsh	John H. and Mar- garet (Bryant)
Sept. 13	Edna May Dexter	Daniel and Lilla (Pattison)
Oct. 8	Rubelle Neste	Bunndo and Aelles (Tirgen)
Oct. 9	William Frederick Graham	Chester H. & Ser- aphina (Morse)

Whole number, 8—Males, 3; Females, 5

NOTICE TO PARENTS.

Extracts from the Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Section 6.

“Parents, within 40 days after the birth of a child * * * shall cause notice thereof to be given to the Clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.”

The Town Clerk hereby gives public notice that he will furnish blanks for the return of births agreeable to the provisions of Section 16, Chapter 29, of the Revised Laws.

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING THE YEAR 1914

Date	Name	Residence
April 29	John H. Given Martha Given	Burlington Burlington
May 6	Francis A. Partridge, Jr. Emma V. McLean	Woburn Burlington
Aug. 27	James E. Bray Grace E. Green	Burlington Burlington
Oct. 2	Charles A. Raymond Euretta M. Sherman	Burlington Burlington
Oct. 14	Joseph H. Butters Gladys N. Small	Burlington Burlington
Nov. 24	Loren H. Blenkhorn Viola L. Harmon	Burlington Burlington
Nov. 29	George H. Nichols Clara M. Cross	Burlington Lowell

Intentions of marriages filed—6

NOTICE.

R. L., c. 151, 16, as amended by St. 1911, c. 736, 1, is as follows:—

“Persons who intend to be joined in marriage in this Commonwealth shall, not less than 5 days before their marriage, cause notice of their intention to be entered in the office of the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which they respectively dwell, or, if they do not dwell within the Commonwealth, in the office of the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which they propose to have the marriage solemnized.”

DEATHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR 1914

Date	Name	Cause of Death	Ages		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 3	Carrie A. Skelton	General Peritonitis	37	8	26
Mar. 13	— — Turnbull	Stillborn	—	—	—
Mar. 14	Almira Skelton	Intestinal Obstruction	72	6	21
April 1	Frederick G. Graham	Meningitis	30	2	18
May 29	Abby A. Walker	Peritonitis	78	9	1
June 2	Harriet Perry	Lobar Pneumonia	77	11	22
June 13	Katherine Meyer	Cerebral Hemmorrhage	74	4	20
June 16	Oscar E. Johnson	Chronic Brights Disease	83	—	9
July 20	Willard Ginn	Acute Peritonitis	56	6	26
Dec. 6	Joseph H. Brochu	Lobar Pneumonia	70	—	—

Whole number, 10—Males, 4; Females, 6

A true copy: Attest:

SELWYN H. GRAHAM, *Town Clerk.*

FEES OF CLERK'S OFFICE RETURNED TO TREASURER.

Dog License Fees	\$17.60
Hunters' License Fees	5.60
Marriage License Fees	6.00
Recording Personal Property (Mortgages)	1.50
Recording Orders for Pole Locations	2.60
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	\$33.30

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY SELECTMEN APRIL 4, 1914

Public Weigher SOLON JOHNSON
Sealer of Weights and Measures FRANK C. PEARSONS
Measurer of Wood and Lumber HORACE B. SKELTON
Special Police JOSEPH M. HOWE
Special Police ORRAY S. SKELTON
Inspector of Animals THOMAS W. POLLOCK
Inspector of Slaughtering FRANK C. PEARSONS
Forest Warden and Supt. of Moth Dept. WALTER W. SKELTON

CIVIC AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

According to the vote of the Town at a Special Town Meeting held November 9th, the Moderator appointed the following to serve on the Civic and Development Committee: Everett B. Park, Jr., James McLaughlin, Walter W. Skelton, Thomas W. Pollock, Selwyn H. Graham.

A true copy: Attest:

SELWYN H. GRAHAM, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Burlington:

The Selectmen herewith present their report for the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

The repairs on South Bedford Street have been completed and a detailed statement of the expense will be found in the financial report. We strongly recommend that some action be taken by the Town at the annual meeting along the line of preserving our macadam roads. Macadam roads are expensive propositions and are well worth the cost, but must be taken care of after they are built. A small outlay each year is much more economical than to let them go until large expenditures are needed.

WINN STREET.

This street has been repaired the past year and a coat of Tarvia applied under the supervision of the Mass. Highway Commission, they assuming half of the expense. Another coat of Tarvia the coming year would be beneficial.

We recommend that a small appropriation be made this year for the Selectmen to use in curbing lawlessness in the Town. The past year much good work has been done along this line and a number of persons have been brought before the Court and fined. This has served to make the Town a better place to dwell in and given those who think our patience is inexhaustible a lesson they will not soon forget.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. POLLOCK
GEORGE McINTIRE
JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Selectmen of Burlington

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

School Committee
and Superintendent of Schools

OF

BURLINGTON, MASS.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1914

Annual Report

OF THE

School Committee of Burlington

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914

Organization

JAMES McLAUGHLIN, Chairman. Term expires 1915.
WALTER W. SKELTON, Secretary. Term expires 1916.
JOSEPH M. HOWE. Term expires 1917.

George P. Armstrong, Superintendent.

Violet A. Twining, Principal and teacher Grades 7 and 8.

Cora McIntire, teacher Grades 5 and 6.

Florence B. York, teacher Grades 1 and 2.

Linda C. Smith, teacher Grades 3 and 4.

Supervisors

Evelyn F. Cross, Drawing.

Bernice E. Newhall, Sewing.

Henry L. Stone, Music.

School Physician

C. Guy Lane, M. D.

Janitor

George T. Stubbs, resigned.

Frank C. Pearsons.

Attendance Officer

Joseph M. Howe.

Burlington Students Attending High Schools.

Woburn.

	Date of Graduation
Augusta E. Bamberg	1915
Charles W. Dearborn	1915
Helen W. McIntire	1915
Harold E. McGann	1915
John Lloyd Boston	1916
Ralph R. McDonald	1916
Marguerite J. McKenzie	1916
Lillian M. Perkins	1916
Arthur C. Benner	1917
Joshua H. Bennett	1917
Margaret Brady	1917
Clarence J. McIntire	1917
Dorothy H. Sewall	1917
William H. Walker	1917
Vora E. Foster	1918
Chester P. Knowles	1918
Marguerite J. McDonald	1918
Clara L. McGann	1918
Harold C. Pattison	1918
Maitland Pearsons	1918
George B. Perkins	1918
Fred Straw	1918

Lexington.

Helen S. Little	1915
Margaret Kinneen	1916
Timothy Kinneen	1918

Graduates of High School, 1914.

Doris Perkins.

Graduates of Industrial School, 1914.

Wilmot L. Pearsons.

Philip Foster.

The Superintendent's report refers fully to what he considers is needed for the improvement of the schools and the Committee heartily concurs in his suggestions and ask you to give them careful consideration.

Necessary repairs have been made on the building, and the general work of the Committee attended to. The school building should be painted this year and the Committee will ask you to provide for this expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McLAUGHLIN
WALTER W. SKELTON
JOSEPH M. HOWE

School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Burlington School Committee:

I herewith present for your consideration this, my fifth annual report, and the twenty-fourth in the series of annual reports to the Town.

The Town has been fortunate in retaining its excellent corps of regular teachers.

Before the last report reached the hands of the citizens Miss Mary J. Wilson, who had but a few months before been elected instructor in sewing, was called upon to undergo a critical surgical operation which resulted fatally. Miss Wilson was a woman of fine character and a skilful teacher. In the short time she had been at work she had won the confidence and esteem of her classes and laid a good foundation upon which another must build.

Miss Bernice E. Newhall of Newton, Mass., who had also received her training for this work at Simmons College, was engaged to continue the work. Coming from the same school the plans and methods of the two teachers were similar, so the work has gone on without any serious break.

The girls in the older classes soon mastered the various stitches, etc., and were ready to begin upon work in the construction of useful garments. It was soon found that but little could be accomplished if all the sewing must be done by hand, since one or two garments would require all the time of the class for a year. Furthermore, as but little of the sewing is now done by hand, except where time is abundant and something especially fine is wanted, it seems best that each girl should learn to operate a sewing machine, both as a means of learning to construct by actually making a considerable number of

garments and to facilitate the work of this kind to be done later in life or from this time forward. A new machine was purchased during the fall term and all the older pupils in the class are learning to operate it.

Some irregular work in manual training is given the older boys. They have put up a teeter board upon the playground, also a swing, digging the post holes and setting the posts. They are also continuing the work of providing better facilities for caring for the hats, coats, rubbers, lunches, etc., of the school. The class last year completed this work on the second floor so far as construction, but did not have time to shellac and varnish the work done. The present class are at work upon similar divisions for those on the first floor. They have also made some bread boards, shelves, ink stands, etc.

INCREASED ACCOMMODATIONS.

There has been a steady increase in numbers throughout the year. By the middle of the year the first room was full and the third room crowded so that there was neither floor space, seating accommodations, or sufficient air to provide properly for the number regularly in attendance, and both pupils and work suffered in consequence.

Soon after the opening of the schools in September it was found absolutely essential that another room should be opened and an additional teacher secured. As the desks of the larger and older pupils require more space and as these pupils require more air per pupil and for the further reason that it is desirable that the principal of the school should be upon the ground floor, it seemed best to re-arrange the rooms. The room which has for some years been used for municipal purposes was fitted up for the use of grades VII, VIII and IX. The room formerly occupied by these grades was fitted up for the use of grades III and IV, and Miss Linda C. Smith, a skilful and experienced teacher, was placed in charge of the classes and is doing very satisfactory work with them. In order to equalize more nearly the numbers in the several rooms, some six of the older and stronger pupils of grade II were also brought to this room. Some of these will be able to work into grade III before the end of the year.

As arranged now there are, speaking generally, two grades in each room. The average number in each room is about 30 pupils. By having some seats and desks, stored in the attic, re-finished, and re-arranging others, the Committee was able to provide seats and desks fairly well adapted to the size and age of all the pupils at comparatively slight expense. Some adjustable irons should be placed upon more of the desks and chairs for the better accommodation of pupils above or below the normal size in each of the rooms.

The King Geographies having been in use seven years or more, had become so worn as to be unfit for further service. These have been replaced by the revised edition of the Tarr and McMurry Geography. This latter is a four book series and is in form more convenient to handle. The text is much fuller than that of the old series in use, maps are more numerous and varied. They are well illustrated.

Some further additions have been made to the list of supplementary readers. Now that there are but two grades in each room instead of three, more time can be given to this important subject.

Some of the wall maps are old and much worn, but the present is an inopportune time to replace them since it is not unlikely that there may be some important changes on those of one or more of the continents about the time the present European war closes.

The course in reading has been much improved by the introduction of books of proved literary merit as supplementary readers. Some of these are standard works of their class, as Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*, DeFoe's *Robinson Crusoe*, Scott's *Talisman*, etc. Others are children's classics whose authors are less well known, but whose works are a source of much enjoyment to the children.

In all of the work of the schools in which a text book of any kind is used, there is a very marked difference in the quality of the work done by the children who come from homes where books are abundant and everybody reads and those who come from homes where little if any reading is done and the formation of the reading habit receives little encouragement. With the present length of school days and the number of subjects which must receive daily attention,

it is quite impossible to do much in reading beyond training in expression and the acquisition of a fair knowledge of the pronunciation and meaning of words. Reading for information, beyond the work done in the text books of Geography and History, must be done in the homes. So, also, with most of the reading which must be done by all who would ever attain a fair acquaintance with the standard authors of English and American literature.

MORAL TRAINING.

There has long been considerable criticism of the public schools on the ground that they do not give sufficient attention to moral training. The reply has generally been that the teacher teaches morals more by what he or she is and does than either can possibly do by regular set lessons in morals. It has been urged further that moral instruction is best given incidentally. The fact still remains that there is an overabundance of evidence that too many grow up either without clear moral perceptions, or lack either the purpose or the will to square their practice with their moral code.

Under these circumstances it is well for those engaged in educational work to consider the ground for their present procedure carefully, also whether there is anything which the school may do to improve upon the present results. In doing this many have reached the conclusion that the force and example of the teacher will not be lessened if he or she should do with some systematic planning that which is now done, as one might say, by haphazard or incidentally. It is also urged that what is wanted is not systematic lessons in morals so much as training in moral actions. Not infrequently it comes out that those who say that moral instruction is best taught incidentally have not expressed their thought clearly. What they really mean is that the child is incapable of considering a theory of morals and can only judge when the case in point is put before him concretely as a specific act or case which is undoubtedly sound pedagogy.

For the best results it is not necessary at all that the action under consideration be that of one of the members of the school or class. Indeed, the judgment is much less liable to be biased if the personal element does not enter into the

consideration of the matter. The concrete example, then, is better taken from a story, read or told them, than from an incident in school or class experience and the desirability or necessity of acting in accordance with the conclusion reached may be as strongly urged upon the individual in the one case as in the other. Such being the case there is no good reason why such a series of stories or incidents should not be so arranged as to secure a well ordered presentation of the topics to be considered in a well graded course of moral instruction without the use of any text book on moral instruction or the introduction of another subject into the course of studies. It cannot be harmful to do with sufficient system to make sure that all topics are considered and each introduced at the best time, what we are doing in a manner so irregular and unsystematic that for aught we know one topic may be harped upon ad nauseum because a school virtue is involved, while another of equal or higher importance fails of consideration because its presence or absence does not strongly affect school life.

The Superintendent would like very much to see a Parent Teachers' Association formed to promote a more thorough co-operation between the home and the school. Both are working earnestly for the education of the same children. That the highest efficiency may be reached by each, they must each profit by the other's knowledge, experience and aid.

Some form of School Savings should be instituted as a means of teaching thrift. The statutes of the Commonwealth require that this subject should be taught in the schools, and this is found to be a most practical way of reaching the desired result.

In the matter of facilities for washing and for drinking there is great need for more adequate provisions. The increasing numbers serve to emphasize the need.

THE SCHOOL CENSUS.

Changes in the compulsory attendance law made necessary a census that should include the names of all children between the ages of 5 and 16 years. The state has provided a card system for the convenience of the census taker and also as a means of keeping fuller and more accurate records. These

have added greatly to the amount of work required of the enumerator.

The results in tabular form are as follows:

Between 5 and 7 years of age, girls 13, boys 20, total	33
Between 7 and 14 years of age, girls 45, boys 44, total	89
Between 14 and 16 years of age, girls 10, boys 10, total	20

Totals 5 and 16 years of age, girls 68, boys 74, total 142

The census of last year included only those between 5 and 15, and was 108 in all. The results of the two cannot properly be compared, since the number of years included is different. It shows, however, an increase of 34 in the number required by law to attend school unless they have secured an educational certificate allowing them to be engaged in work at home or elsewhere.

A comparison of the statistical tables may be of interest as it brings out clearly the growth during the year. The whole number of different pupils who were enrolled during the school year which ended in June, 1914, was 110. The number enrolled during the remaining four months was 116.

CALENDAR 1915-16.

Mid-winter recess, 1915 February 22-28 inclusive
Spring recess, 1915 April 19-23, inclusive
Summer vacation, 1915 June 21 to September 6, inclusive
Christmas vacation, December 24 to January 2, 1916, inclusive
Mid-winter recess, 1916 February 21-25 inclusive
Holidays in term time — Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day
and the Friday following, Memorial Day.

In concluding this report I wish to express my hearty appreciation of cordial support given me by the Committee at all times, and also to thank the supervisors and teachers for their faithful and efficient work and hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. ARMSTRONG.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1914

School	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Tardiness	Visitors	Length of School in Weeks & Days
Grammar	34	31.19	29.83	94.25	29	40	36 weeks
Intermediate	27	27.35	25.54	93.44	19	19	36 weeks
Primary	49	34.23	31.34	90.88	18	25	36 weeks
	110	92.77	86.71	92.88	66	84	

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER, 1914

Room	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance
I	34	32.10	29.88	93.34
II	25	24.80	23.75	95.42
III	28	27.81	26.97	96.95
IV	29	28.80	27.64	96.89
Total	116	113.51	108.24	95.65

ENROLMENT BY GRADES

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
1913	16	15	6	12	11	5	10	13	9	97
1914	22	17	14	5	15	14	7	11	11	116

NUMBER GRADUATED IN JUNE, 1914

From Grammar School	-	-	-	-	-	9
Medford High School	-	-	-	-	-	1

Number attending Woburn High School	-	22
Number attending Lexington High School	-	3

The following have been neither absent nor tardy for the time designated.

For One Year.

Primary Department — Ruth Foster.

Grammar Department — Maitland Pearsons, Alice Little.

For Two Terms.

Primary Department — Thomas Keating, Lincoln Foster, Arthur Johnson, Doris McLaughlin.

Intermediate Department — Gladys Bustead, Mabel Keating, Ruth McLaughlin, Francis Goodwin.

Grammar Department — Ethel Bustead, Forest Foster, George Burton Perkins.

For One Term.

Primary Department — Anna Keating, Alice Bustead, Ronald Bustead, Clara Bowman, Florence Turnbull, Ralph Merson, Walter Johnson, Robert McLaughlin, Leslie Miller.

Intermediate Department — John Millican, Truman Bennett, Thatcher Carl, Evelyn Foster, Marjorie Miller, Gordon Turnbull, Royden Berger, Mabel LaRue, Esther Knowles, Richard Pattison, Mildred LaRue.

Grammar Department — A. Violet Comley, Chester Knowles, Arline Rogan, A. Ellsworth Foster, Ralph Knowles, Victor York, Marguerite Sewall, Bradford Skelton, M. Elizabeth Bennett.

VIOLET A. TWINING,
Burlington, Mass.
Union School.

January 1, 1915.

To the School Committee of Burlington, Massachusetts:

At the beginning of the school year pupils to the number of 116 were examined and the following noted:

There were ten without a positive vaccination scar, three of whom were in the first grade; two were reported for

adenoids, and six were reported for enlarged tonsils with adenoids.

There were a very large number of children whose teeth were in poor condition and there were thirty-seven who had at least three badly decayed teeth. In addition, there were a number of these who had considerable deformity of the jaws resulting from irregularity of the teeth.

I consider that the condition of the teeth of the children is fully as bad as in any previous year in which I have examined the children. There was no evidence of any contagious diseases in the school.

Very truly yours,

C. GUY LANE.

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I have sealed the bottles of the milk dealers, sealed the Town scales, sealed counter scales, spring scales and platform scales of different dealers.

FRANK C. PEARSONS,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Report of the Library Trustees

The trustees of the Burlington Free Public Library report the following expenditures of the Simonds Trust Fund for the year ending December 31st, 1914.

Herman Goldberger, magazines	21.60
DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books	17.58
Pearsons & Marsh, books	22.00
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	\$61.18

Amount of order drawn on Town Treasurer to pay the same, \$61.18.

LESTER B. SKELTON
WALTER S. McINTIRE

List of Books Added to the Public Library During the Year 1914

Abbott, Hills	Panama and the Canal.
Andrews, Jane	Seven Little Sisters.
Appleton's	New Practical Cyclopedia.
Arnold, Sir Edwin	Light of Asia.
Baldwin, James	Fifty More Famous Stories Retold.
Barbour, Ralph	Harbor of Love.
Beach, Rex	The Iron Trail.
Beach, Rex	The Barrier.
Beach, Rex	The Spoilers.
Beebe and Kingsley	First Year Nature Readers.
Bevan, Tom	Stories from British History.
Blaisdell & Ball	Childs Book of American History.
Bostock, Frank C.	Training of Wild Animals.
Brown, Alice	The Secret of the Clan.
Brown, Abbie F.	Nature Study of Common Things.
Browne, Frances	The Wonderful Chair.
Burt, Mary E.	Poems Every Child Should Know.
Burgess, Thornton	Adventures of Johnny Chuck.
Burgess, Thornton	Adventures of Peter Cotton-tail.
Burgess, Thornton	Old Mother West Wind.
Canfield, Dorothy	The Squirrel Cage.
Carleton, Will	City Legends.
Chance, Lulu Maud	Little Folks of Many Lands.
Coolidge, Susan	Clover.
Dana, William Starr	Plants and Their Children.
Dickinson & Skinner ...	Children's Book of Christmas Stories.
Eastman, Chas. A.	Indian Boyhood
Fairbanks, Harold W.	Home Geography.
Forest, Gale	Five Cousins in California.
Funk & Wagnalls	Standard Dictionary.
George, Marian M.	Little Journeys to Germany.
Glaspell, Susan	The Visioning.

Goff & Mayne First Principles of Agriculture.
 Greenaway, Kate Marigold Garden.
 Grover, Eulalie O. Sunbonnet Babies Book.
 Hammond's Comprehensive Atlas of the World.
 Hancock, Mary S. Children of History.
 Hawks, Ellison Stars.
 Hemenway, H. D. How to Make School Gardens.
 Hill, George B. Young Farmer.
 Holbrook, Florence Book of Nature Myths.
 Johannot, James Stories of Other Lands.
 Jordan, David Starr True Tales of Birds and Beasts.
 Kipling, Rudyard Just So Stories for Children.
 Lane & Hill American History of Literature.
 MacClintock, Samuel The Phillipines.
 McDonald & Dalrymple Manuel in Mexico.
 McDonald & Dalrymple Gerda in Sweden.
 McDonald & Dalrymple Fritz in Germany.
 McDonald & Dalrymple Boris in Russia.
 Mansfield, John Jim Davis.
 Marshall, H. E. Stories of William Tell.
 Maule, Harry E. Boys' Book of New Inventions.
 Mussett, Paul de Mr. Wood and Madam Rain.
 Noyes & Ray Little Plays for Little People.
 Oppenheim, E. P. The Lighted Way.
 Philpots, Eden Forest on the Hill.
 Poulson, Emilie Through the Farmyard Gate.
 Poulson, Emilie Johnny Blossom.
 Pratt, Mara D. American Story for American Children.
 Ralston, Virginia When Mother Lets Us Sew.
 Reed, Myrtle Lavender and Old Lace.
 Richardson, James D.

Messages and Papers of Presidents, 1789-1902, 10 vols.

Rhinehart, Mary R. Window at the White Cat.
 Rogers, Julia Ellen Trees That Every Child Should Know
 Seton, Ernest Thompson Books of Wonderful Indian Lore
 Sidney, Margaret The Pepper Books, 10 vols.
 Smith, Mary P. Wells Boy Captive of Old Deerfield.
 Stack, Frederick W... Wild Flowers Every Child Should Know
 Stone & Pickett Days and Deeds a Hundred Years Ago.
 St. Nicholas Vol. XXXI. Part 1-2.
 Talmage, T. DeWitt Around the Tea table.

Ward, Mrs. Humphrey Marriage of William Ash.
 White, Eliza Orne Little Girl of Long Ago.
 White, Stewart E. Magic Forest.
 Wiggin & Smith The Story Hour.
 Winslow, I. O. Our American Neighbors.
 Wister, Owen, (replaced) The Virginians.
 Wright, Harold Bell The Uncrowned King.
 Wright, Harold Bell Their Yesterdays.
 Yale, Eliza Duncan When Mother Lets Us Give a Party.

Report of the Librarian

Trustees of Burlington Free Public Library:

Gentlemen:—

Report for year ending December 31, 1914:

Whole number of volumes in library	2913
Volumes circulated in year	2900
Volumes withdrawn for repair or replacement	3
Volumes replaced during year	5

Volumes Presented.

By Mass. Free Public Library Commission	58
By State and individuals	52
Books purchased	24
Periodicals subscribed for	9
Gift periodicals	3
Number of pamphlets presented	28
Amount received for fines	\$4.75

Loaned by Woman's Education Association.

Audubon Library, No. 1, from February to July.

Travelling Library, No. 41, loaned for one year.

Also set of fairy pictures.

The Travelling Libraries are much appreciated, especially by the younger readers. The first of the year the trustees secured a new Cyclopedia, with dictionary and atlas. This makes our reference shelves very well equipped for work. The Free Public Library Commission very kindly offer any assistance we need in keeping the library supplied with material the school might call for. Quite a number of our regular readers have shown their interest during the year by presenting books for the shelves, and magazines for the table. During the year we have added about forty new borrowers to our

card list, many of the number being summer people. Total list of cards issued numbers two hundred and twenty-five.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA I. GETCHELL,

Librarian.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor herewith present their report for the year 1914.

For the expenditures of this department we refer you to the financial report of the Town.

This Board has aided eighteen persons during the year. Twelve of this number have a settlement in this Town and six in other places.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. POLLOCK

GEORGE McINTIRE

JAMES McLAUGHLIN

Overseers of the Poor.

Report of the Park Commissioners

Park Receipts.

Dr.

Received for rent of house	\$192.00	
Received for fruit	4.00	
Received for grass	15.00	
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$211.00
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Respectfully submitted,

LESTER B. SKELTON.

Assessors' Report

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1914:

Assessments April 1, 1914.

Total value of real estate assessed	\$832,649
Total value of personal property assessed	164,975
Number of polls assessed	199
Number of non-residents assessed on property	250
Number of residents assessed on property	150
Number of persons assessed on polls only	108
Number of horses assessed	219
Number of cows assessed	309
Number of swine assessed	1070
Number of sheep assessed	1
Number of dwelling houses assessed	206
Number of acres of land assessed	7,278 2-3
Number of fowl assessed	4041

Amounts levied for the following purposes:

Schools and Superintendent	\$2,000.00
Highways and Bridges	2,000.00
Removal of Snow	100.00
Poor	337.50
Library	200.00
Cemeteries	400.00
Selectmen's Department	375.00
Town Clerk's Department	150.00
Treasurer's Department	113.34
Assessors' Department	196.64
Collector's Department	217.00
Legal Department	150.00
Moth Department	310.72

Election and Registration	116.50
Sealer of Weights and Measures	97.50
Tree Warden	98.50
Board of Health	30.00
Street Lights	200.00
Memorial Day	75.00
Inspector of Animals	218.75
Industrial Education	141.00
Insurance	277.40
To reimburse the Treasury for money spent on South Bedford Street	2,000.00
Auditors	41.67
Repairs on Winn Street	247.87
Town Hall	1,000.00
State Tax	1,487.50
County Tax	815.75
State Highway Tax	190.00
Overlayings	220.08
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	\$13,807.72

Railroad Excise Tax, \$908.50.

Rate: \$13.40 on each \$1,000 valuation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE McINTIRE
THOMAS W. POLLOCK
HUGH McCAFFERTY

Assessors of the Town of Burlington.

Report of the Collector of Taxes

Tax of 1911.

To Commitment	\$10,744.46	
Excise Tax	560.65	
Interest Collected	359.18	
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		\$11,664.29
Paid Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1913	\$11,306.39	
Paid Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1914	228.38	
Abated	63.32	
Uncollected	66.20	
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		\$11,664.29

Tax of 1912.

To Commitment	\$10,926.20	
Excise Tax	864.44	
Interest Collected	318.43	
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		\$12,109.07
Paid Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1913	\$9,723.42	
Paid Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1914	2,275.72	
Abated	4.00	
Uncollected	105.93	
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		\$12,109.07

Tax of 1913.

To Commitment	\$12,810.96	
Excise Tax	898.58	
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		\$13,709.54

Paid Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1913	\$7,880.48	
Paid Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1914	2,741.08	
Uncollected	3,087.98	
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		\$13,709.54

Tax of 1914.

To Commitment		\$13,802.72
Paid Treasurer to Dec. 31, 1914	\$7,951.61	
Uncollected	5,851.11	
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		\$13,802.72

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES T. BOSTON, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1914

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1914	\$584.30
Received of C. T. Boston, Tax of 1911	228.38
Received of C. T. Boston, Tax of 1912	2,275.72
Received of C. T. Boston, Tax of 1913	2,741.08
Received of C. T. Boston, Tax of 1914	7,951.61
Fourth District Court for fines	5.00
T. W. Pollock, moth work	79.50
State Treasurer, income Mass. School Fund	998.01
Marshall Simonds estate, account "Kent Bridge"...	1,000.00
County Treasurer, account "Kent Bridge"	600.00
County Treasurer, return of dog licenses	81.06
S. F. Sewall, moth work	1.00
Geo. McIntire, use of Selectmen's room	2.25
Geo. McIntire, use of Selectmen's room .....	.75
State Treasurer, moth suppression	204.00
Geo. McIntire, use of Selectmens room .....	.75
Woburn Five Cents Saving Bank, care cemetery lots	55.40
George A. Miller, use Selectmen's room .....	.75
David E. Barnum, auctioneer's license	2.00
George A. Miller, use of Selectmen's room .....	.75
George McIntire, use of Selectmen's room .....	.75
George McIntire, use of Selectmen's room	1.50
State Treasurer, Educational Industrial School	100.00
Trustees of Marshall Simonds estate, note dated May	
10, 1914, due December 10, at 4 per cent	25.00
George McIntire, use Selectmen's room .....	.75
George McIntire, moth work	10.90
State Treasurer, moth suppression	48.50
City of Boston, tuition	34.00
State Treasurer	51.25
Estate of Marshall Simonds, note dated July 13,	

1914, due in one year at 4 per cent	2,000.00
State Treasurer, moth suppression	697.84
Ella I. Getchell, for fines, library	3.00
Walter W. Skelton, grave in common ground cemetery	3.00
State Treasurer, one half the fee paid inspector of cattle	62.50
James McLaughlin, use of Selectmen's room	4.50
James McLaughlin, sale of school tickets	19.00
State Treasurer, Highway Loan Fund	287.29
State Treasurer, Motor Vehicle Fund	698.59
Fourth District Court, for fines	5.00
Estate of Marshall Simonds, note dated October 29, 1914, due in three months at 5 per cent	2,000.00
Town of Bedford, school superintendents' fund....	187.50
State Treasurer, Highway Loan Fund	112.71
State Treasurer, corporation tax, public service	24.32
State Treasurer, National Bank tax	59.38
State Treasurer, refund of State Aid	144.00
State Treasurer, street railway tax	1,116.84
State Treasurer, high school tuition in special cases	970.00
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, care cemetery lots	61.50
Ella I. Getchell, fines, library	1.75
Johnson & Johnson, error on bills	2.00
George McIntire, for lumber	12.00
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, interest from David Simonds bequest	61.18
W. W. Skelton, for moth work	282.50
Selwyn H. Graham, cemetery lots	29.00
Selwyn H. Graham, for fees	33.30
L. B. Skelton, income "Simonds Park"	211.00
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	\$28,649.66

PAID ON APPROVAL OF SELECTMEN

Bills charged to the following departments:

Board of Health	\$25.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	97.25
Memorial Day	75.00

Tree Warden	60.30	
Auditors	91.66	
Selectmen	476.54	
Assessors	185.89	
Tax Collector	253.72	
Inspection of Animals	218.75	
Election and Registration	143.25	
Insurance	277.40	
Legal	119.00	
Street Lighting	317.24	
Town Clerk	140.35	
Treasurer	109.34	
Library	\$198.05	
Library bills paid from Simonds bequest... 61.18	259.23	
Simonds Park	102.50	
Poor	525.78	
State Aid	144.00	
New Town Hall	860.80	
South Bedford Street	3,527.89	
Snow and Ice	315.27	
Cemetery	510.05	
Moth Suppression	1,997.71	
Schools	4,726.22	
Schools, transportation	1,175.00	
Highways	2,024.96	
Winn Street	1,397.18	
State Treasurer, State tax	1,487.50	
Trustees of Simonds estate, note	2,500.00	
Trustees of Simonds estate, interest	58.53	
County Treasurer, tax	815.75	
State Treasurer, tax on State highways	190.00	
C. T. Boston, tax titles	190.90	
C. T. Boston, Pickering land	2.68	
C. T. Boston, Clark land	1.47	
C. T. Boston, Parsonage	25.46	
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	\$25,430.27	
Balance in treasury January 1, 1915	3,219.39	
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	\$28,649.66	

Trust Funds held by the Town of Burlington

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of J. H. Walker	\$75.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	2.60	
	<hr/>	\$77.60

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lots of Nathan Blanchard and Samuel Sewall	\$200.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	12.42	
	<hr/>	\$212.42

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lots of Isaiah and Thomas I. Reed	\$300.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	204.35	
	<hr/>	\$504.35

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the "Old Burial Grounds"	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	59.78	
	<hr/>	\$159.78

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of Jonathan Simonds	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	6.92	
	<hr/>	\$106.92

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of Josephine Hendley	\$300.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	17.11	
	<hr/>	\$317.11

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav-
ings Bank, for care of the lot of

Isaiah Longfellow	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	5.70	
	<hr/>	\$105.70
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, bequest of David Simonds, interest for purchase of books for Public Library	\$1060.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	160.75	
	<hr/>	\$1220.75
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of Silas Cutler	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	14.44	
	<hr/>	\$114.44
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of Stillman H. Church	\$50.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	3.10	
	<hr/>	\$53.10
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of Charles E. Marion	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$110.00
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of William B. Hunt	\$194.24	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	23.56	
	<hr/>	\$217.80
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav- ings Bank, for care of the lot of Otis Cutler	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	8.82	
	<hr/>	\$108.82

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, for care of the lot of Abbie A. Clement	\$115.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	15.75	
	<hr/>	\$130.75
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, for care of the lot of David Skelton	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	9.32	
	<hr/>	\$109.32
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, for care of the lot of Charles and W. S. McIntire.....	\$200.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	18.64	
	<hr/>	\$218.64
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, for care of the lot of Abel Simonds	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	5.18	
	<hr/>	\$105.18
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, for care of the lot of Charles H. Walker	\$200.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	13.42	
	<hr/>	\$213.42
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, for care of the lots of John, Abner and Elijah Marion...	\$225.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	9.36	
	<hr/>	\$234.36
Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, for care of the lot of D. Warner Danforth	\$220.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	10.38	
	<hr/>	\$224.38

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav-		
ings Bank, for care of the lot of		
Addie M. Blodgett	\$100.00	
Interest accumulation to July, 1914....	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$101.00

Deposited in Woburn Five Cents Sav-		
ings Bank, for care of the lot of		
Celia L. H. Marion	\$100.00	

Report of the Highway Surveyor

To the Citizens of Burlington:—

The Highway Surveyor makes the following report.

The general work of the Highway Department has not varied from the previous year. With the appropriation that the Town makes for highways and bridges it is not possible to enter into any extended work. Necessary repairs to keep the streets safe and passable is all that can reasonably be expected.

There are many places that are dangerous at the present time and should have guard rails placed. Accidents may readily occur from this neglect and the Town suffer by having damage suits on its hands.

There will be a small deficit in the Highway account at the close of the year. This was caused by a bridge which, owing to the automobile travel, gave out after the highway work ceased and the general appropriation expended.

Mrs. John Cummings has presented the Town with numerous loads of material for the roads and is entitled to our thanks for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. BUSTEAD,
Highway Surveyor.

Auditors' Report

Balance in Bank	\$2,560.45
Cash in Treasury	658.94
Due from Collector, 1912	105.93
Due from Collector, 1913	3,087.98
Due from Collector, 1914	5,851.11
Due from Commonwealth, moth suppression.....	798.21
Due from City of Lowell	15.00
Due from Bay State Street Railway, removing snow	50.00
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	\$13,127.62
Outstanding demands (estimated)	600.00
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Balance in favor of Town	\$12,527.62

To the Citizens of Burlington:—

We have examined the books and accounts of the various Town officers and find them correct as reported herewith.

HENRY A. FOSTER
ORRAY S. SKELTON
Auditors.

Financial Report

ASSESSORS.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$196.64
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Dr.

Thomas W. Pollock, salary.....	\$41.66	
George McIntire, salary	41.66	
Hugh McCafferty, salary	41.66	
Henry A. Foster, clerk.....	41.66	
	<hr/>	\$166.64

Other expenses.

Selwyn H. Graham, cash paid....	\$1.25	
E. Lillian Chaffin	18.00	
	<hr/>	19.25
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		\$185.89

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$10.75
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AUDITORS.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$41.66	
Transfer March 1914	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$91.66

Dr.

Henry A. Foster, salary 1913....	\$25.00	
Orray S. Skelton, salary 1913....	25.00	
Henry A. Foster, salary 1914....	20.83	
Orray S. Skelton, salary 1914....	20.83	
	<hr/>	\$91.66
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		\$91.66

CEMETERY.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$400.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1913	1.22	
	<hr/>	\$401.22

Dr.

George D. Getchell, pay roll.....	\$205.50	
Frank Bannon, pay roll	115.50	
Wm. J. Pollock, pay roll	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$327.00

Other expenses.

Woburn Hardware Co.	\$6.94	
George D. Getchell	7.60	
Walter S. McIntire	20.00	
Henry A. Foster	22.50	
Joseph Breck	9.11	
	<hr/>	66.15
		<hr/>
Balance Dec. 31, 1914		393.15
Received from invested funds		\$8.07
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Received from invested funds		\$116.90
Paid George D. Getchell		116.90

COLLECTOR.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$217.00
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Dr.

Charles T. Boston, salary	\$167.00
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Other expenses.

E. M. Peters, bond	25.00	
Woburn Daily Times, tax bills...	9.50	
J. W. and E. J. Johnson, services..	52.52	
	<hr/>	\$253.72
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		\$253.72
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Deficit Dec. 31, 1914		\$36.72

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$116.50
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Dr.

Selwyn H. Graham	\$12.50	
Thomas W. Pollock	10.00	
George McIntire	10.00	
James McLaughlin	10.00	
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\$42.50

David E. Barnum, moderator.....	\$24.00	
Orray S. Skelton, moderator	2.00	
Lester B. Skelton	6.00	
Frank C. Pearsons	3.00	
George D. Getchell	3.00	
Guy E. Reed	6.00	
Henry A. Foster	6.00	
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50.00

Other expenses.

Andrews Print	\$18.75	
F. C. Pearsons, posting warrants..	32.00	
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50.75

143.25

Deficit Dec. 31, 1914	\$26.75	
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HEALTH.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$30.00	
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Dr.

Thomas W. Pollock, salary	\$8.33	
George McIntire, salary	8.33	
James McLaughlin, salary	8.34	
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\$25.00

25.00

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$5.00	
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HIGHWAYS.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$2000.00	
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Dr.

George W. Bustead, pay roll.....	\$223.75	
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Patrick Keating, pay roll.....	169.50	
George R. Wilson, pay roll.....	43.00	
Paul Rowango, pay roll.....	164.50	
Peter Rowango, pay roll.....	101.50	
James Pattison, pay roll.....	87.25	
James Bustead, pay roll.....	86.00	
Charles Skelton, pay roll.....	148.50	
John Mitchell, pay roll.....	19.00	
Fred Graham, pay roll	1.00	
M. H. C. Nichols, pay roll.....	34.00	
Wm. Barrett, pay roll.....	35.00	
John Martin, pay roll.....	17.00	
Caleb C. Jenkins, pay roll.....	39.50	
George McKenzie, pay roll.....	34.00	
Thomas Fitzgerald, pay roll.....	22.00	
Thomas I. Reed, pay roll.....	71.50	
	<hr/>	\$1297.00

Teams.

George W. Bustead	\$279.00	
James Pattison	130.88	
Thomas I. Reed	107.25	
	<hr/>	517.13

Other expenses.

Arthur Reamy, gravel	\$30.00	
Mrs. Wm. Winn, gravel	6.70	
James Bustead, gravel	9.60	
Estate of John Lynn, gravel	2.90	
O. C. Haven, gravel	4.90	
James Pattison, gravel	11.80	
O. H. Bicknell, gravel	18.50	
John G. Winn, gravel	5.90	
Charles Hayes, gravel	7.40	
	<hr/>	97.70
Barker Lumber Co.	\$94.98	
Woburn Hardware Co.	5.75	
New England Road Machine Co...	8.50	
John J. Grothe, repairs	1.70	

G. W. Ford, repairs	2.20	
Deficit Dec. 31, 1913	24.22	
	<u> </u>	137.35
		<u> </u> 2049.18
Deficit Dec. 31, 1914		<u> </u> \$49.18

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$218.75
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Dr.

A. S. Lamb, salary 1913	\$125.00	
Thomas W. Pollock, salary, 1914	93.75	
	<u> </u>	\$218.75

INSURANCE.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$277.40
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Dr.

E. M. Peters, schoolhouse	\$255.00	
E. M. Peters, Park Buildings....	22.40	
	<u> </u>	\$277.40
		<u> </u> \$277.40

LEGAL.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$150.00
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Dr.

Johnson & Johnson	\$119.00	
	<u> </u>	119.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1914		<u> </u> \$31.00

LIBRARY.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$200.00
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Balance Dec. 31, 1913, invested funds ..	6.72	
Simonds bequest	61.18	
		<hr/> \$267.90

Dr.

Ella I. Getchell, salary	\$150.00	
<i>Other expenses.</i>		
Cummings & Chute, fuel	24.00	
DeWolf Fisk Co.	17.58	
B. B. Johnson	1.00	
Edison Light Co.	14.50	
A. W. Nichols, express	3.20	
Woburn Daily Times	1.75	
Pearson & Marsh	22.00	
Gaylor Bros.	3.10	
Herman Goldberger	21.60	
Ella I. Getchell, cash paid .....	.50	
	<hr/>	\$259.23
		<hr/> 259.23
Balance Dec. 31, 1914		<hr/> \$8.67

MEMORIAL DAY.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$75.00
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Dr.

F. P. Bennett, oration	\$25.00	
Rev. Albert Donnell	5.00	
Church Choir	10.00	
M. J. Alyard, flowers	26.00	
W. W. Skelton, services and cash		
paid flags and markers.....	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$75.00
		<hr/> \$75.00

MOTH DEPARTMENT.

Cr.

Balance Dec. 31, 1913	\$81.50
Received from Commonwealth	697.84
Received from Commonwealth Highway	

Commission	99.75	
Due from Commonwealth	798.21	
Received for private work	191.50	
		<hr/> \$1868.80

Dr.

Walter W. Skelton, pay roll	\$375.00	
Wm. J. Pollock, pay roll	325.50	
Charles A. Nichols, pay roll	334.00	
Caleb C. Jenkins, pay roll	295.00	
George R. Wilson, pay roll	12.00	
Patrick Keating, pay roll	90.00	
Lester B. Skelton, pay roll	35.00	
Frank Bannon, pay roll	32.00	
George D. Getchell, pay roll	18.00	
Chester P. Knowles, pay roll	24.00	
John S. Nichols, pay roll	49.00	
Charles B. Skelton, pay roll	65.00	
		<hr/> \$1654.50

Other expenses.

Walter W. Skelton, team and cash		
paid	\$87.59	
Walter S. McIntire, team	103.00	
Wm. G. Fuller	12.42	
Thomas I. Reed	2.70	
		<hr/> 205.71
		<hr/> 1860.21

Balance Dec. 1, 1914	\$8.59
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From Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 1914.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$325.00
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Dr.

Walter W. Skelton, pay roll	\$28.50	
Charles A. Nichols	38.00	
Caleb C. Jenkins	39.00	
Patrick Keating	32.00	
		<hr/> \$137.50
		<hr/> \$137.50

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$187.50
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POOR.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$337.50	
Balance Dec. 31, 1913	638.05	
	<hr/>	\$975.55

Dr.

Thomas W. Pollock, salary	\$12.50	
George McIntire, salary	12.50	
James McLaughlin, salary	12.50	
	<hr/>	\$37.50

Other expenses.

Town of Winchester, aid to poor..	\$98.08	
City of Woburn, aid to poor.....	172.55	
City of Somerville aid to poor....	78.20	
City of Boston, aid to poor.....	42.00	
Town of Billerica, aid to poor....	9.00	
A. F. Gould, rent	50.00	
E. Caldwell, express	8.45	
Mother aid	30.00	
	<hr/>	488.28
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		525.78
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Balance Dec. 31, 1914		\$449.77

REPAIRS ON WINN STREET.

Cr.

Appropriation 1914	\$700.00	
Received from Commonwealth	698.59	
	<hr/>	\$1398.59

Dr.

John A. Gaffey	\$1397.18	
	<hr/>	1397.18
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Balance Dec. 31, 1914		\$1.41

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Cr.

Appropriation by taxation March 1914....	\$375.00
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Appropriation by transfer March 1914....	103.12	
		<hr/> \$478.12

Dr.

Thomas W. Pollock, salary	\$41.67	
George McIntire, salary	41.67	
James McLaughlin, salary	41.66	
		<hr/> \$125.00

Other expenses.

Edison Electric Light Co.	\$23.60	
A. W. Nichols, expressing and stamps	5.55	
Owen Johnson, supplies	3.84	
T. P. Wilson, town reports	118.80	
T. P. Wilson, printing	11.66	
T. P. Wilson, stationery.....	1.10	
James McLaughlin, cash paid	2.32	
S. F. Sewell, ringing bell	3.00	
A. W. Brownell, notices	1.50	
Registry of deeds, registering 33 deeds, tax title Peach Orchard	31.35	
George T. Stubbs, Janitor	20.00	
		<hr/> 222.72

Forest Fires.

Walter W. Skelton, team and cash paid	\$33.70	
Thomas I. Reed .....	.61	
Eastern Drug Co.	14.08	
		<hr/> \$48.39

Constables and Police.

E. M. Peters, constable bond	\$10.00	
F. W. Richardson, constable 1913	22.00	
F. C. Pearsons, constable and police	40.26	
F. C. Pearsons, court order	3.67	
H. B. Skelton, services	1.00	
J. M. Howe, services	1.00	
Orray S. Skelton, services	1.00	
Walter S. McIntire, team	1.50	
		<hr/> 80.43
		<hr/> 476.54

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$1.58
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Cr.

Appropriation March 1914	\$2717.50
Balance Dec. 31, 1913	309.91
Mass. School Fund	998.01
Superintendents' Fund	187.50
Dog Licenses	81.06
Tuition, City of Boston	34.00
	<hr/> \$4327.98

Dr.

Violet A. Twining, salary	\$635.00
Cora McIntire	560.00
Florence B. York	560.00
Linda C. Smith	183.75
Evelyn F. Cross	64.30
Bernice E. Newell	49.20
Mary J. Wilson	9.51
George P. Armstrong	270.00
Henry L. Stone	73.48
George T. Stubbs	164.85
Frank C. Pearsons	41.34
C. Guy Lane, M. D.	44.00
	<hr/> \$2655.43

High School Tuition.

City of Woburn	\$950.00
City of Medford	50.00
Town of Lexington	120.00
	<hr/> 1120.00

Fuel.

J. F. Winn Co.	\$187.76
H. E. Lord	113.41
Thomas I. Reed	13.00
E. A. Bennett	8.00
	<hr/> 322.17

Repairs.

A. J. Smith	\$67.71
J. M. Ellis & Sons	18.00
Stockholm & Paulson	11.37
Barker Lumber Co.	34.77
	<hr/> 131.85

Supplies.

Mary J. Wilson, cash paid	\$2.25	
James McLaughlin, cash paid . . . .	.75	
Am. Book Co.	3.51	
Little, Brown Co.	1.60	
D. C. Heath Co.	1.00	
W. A. Hall	2.45	
J. L. Hammett Co.	103.34	
E. E. Babb Co.	61.86	
Bunkio Matsuki	2.15	
Joseph M. Howe, expressing and cash paid	10.93	
Silver Burdette	2.18	
W. F. Brainard	4.50	
Daniels & Price	2.97	
George P. Armstrong	8.20	
Wright & Potter	1.81	
E. Ginn Co. . . . .	.48	
	<hr/>	209.98

Miscellaneous.

F. W. Richardson, posts	\$4.00	
Stone, Forsythe	8.00	
G. F. Whitney	1.35	
Singer Machine Co.	23.04	
Woburn Hardware Co.	25.20	
Nellie L. Bennett	5.00	
S. F. Sewell	2.00	
T. P. Wilson	12.00	
George Stubbs	5.50	
Ames Implement Co.	4.95	
Kettle & Blake	13.75	
Kenny Bros. & Wolkins	30.00	
Wm. J. Pollock	2.00	
Joseph M. Howe, census	10.00	
	<hr/>	146.79
		<hr/> 4,586.22

Deficit Dec. 31, 1914.	\$258.24
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INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

Cr.

Appropriation, March, 1914	\$200.00
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Dr.		
City of Lowell	\$140.00	140.00
Balance, Dec. 31, 1914.....		<u>\$60.00</u>

Transportation.

Cr.		
Appropriation March, 1914	\$901.24	
Balance Dec. 31, 1913	259.00	
Sale of tickets	19.00	
	<u>1,179.24</u>	

Dr.		
Joseph M. Howe	\$800.00	
Bay State Street Railroad.....	375.00	
	<u>1,175.00</u>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1914		<u>\$4.24</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Cr.		
Appropriation March, 1914		\$97.50

Dr.		
Frank C. Pearsons, salary.....	12.50	
<i>Other expenses.</i>		
Central Hardware Co.	8.90	
Fairbanks Scales Co.	49.80	
Barker Lumber Co.	23.25	
Taylor Express	2.00	
Mass. Department Weights and Measures	1.50	97.95
		<u>97.95</u>
Deficit Dec. 31, 1914.....		.45

SIMONDS PARK.

Cr.		
Balance Dec. 31, 1913		\$182.10

Dr.		
John S. Nichols, pay roll	12.00	

George D. Getchall, pay roll	30.50		
M. H. C. Nichols, pay roll	9.00		
Frank C. Pearsons, pay roll	7.50		
		<hr/>	59.00
<i>Other expenses.</i>			
C. B. Sherburn	26.48		
W. G. Stretton	6.70		
Woburn Hardware Co.	9.32		
W. G. Fuller	1.00		
		<hr/>	43.50
		<hr/>	102.50
Balance Dec. 31, 1914			<hr/>
			\$79.60

SNOW AND ICE.

Cr.

Balance Dec. 31, 1913	\$200.00	
Appropriation March, 1914	165.00	
	<hr/>	\$365.00

Dr.

George W. Bustead	\$65.38	
George McIntire	9.00	
Thomas I. Reed	21.50	
Breen Bros.	7.50	
Orren E. Bowman	9.00	
David E. Barnum	15.75	
Howard Goodwin	17.00	
Patrick Keating	18.00	
George R. Wilson	14.25	
H. W. Graham	39.00	
M. H. C. Nichols	13.50	
Fred Graham	10.00	
Raymond Twining	1.00	
Thomas W. Pollock	4.00	
	<hr/>	244.88

Other expenses.

Snow plow	65.00
George W. Bustead, cash paid	

freight and cartage	5.39	
	<u>70.39</u>	315.27
Balance Dec. 31, 1914		<u>\$49.73</u>

STREET LIGHTS.

Cr.

Appropriation March, 1914	\$200.00	
Transfer March, 1914	168.49	
	<u>368.49</u>	\$368.49

Dr.

Edison Electric Light Co.	317.24	
	<u>317.24</u>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1914		<u>\$51.25</u>

STATE AID.

Cr.

Appropriation March, 1914	\$150.00
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Dr.

State Aid	144.00
	<u>6.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 1914	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSE ON SOUTH BEDFORD STREET.

\$3,997.23 of the total was expended in 1913.

Cr.

Appropriation March, 1913	\$3,000.00	
Appropriation March, 1914	4,184.09	
Received from Commonwealth ...	400.00	
	<u>7,584.09</u>	\$7,584.09

Dr.

Expended in 1913	3,997.23
John A. Gaffey, on contract.....	3,430.59

Other expenses.

Frank C. Pearsons, weigher	82.00
Barker Lumber Co., stakes	10.50
Henry Goldberger, bounds	3.30
Thomas W. Pollock, cash paid....	1.50
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	7,525.12

Balance Dec. 31, 1914.....	\$58.97
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STATE TAX.

Cr.

By taxation	\$1,487.50
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Dr.

Commonwealth	\$1,487.50
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STATE HIGHWAY TAX.

Cr.

By taxation	\$190.00
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Dr.

Commonwealth	\$190.00
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COUNTY TAX.

Cr.

By taxaton	\$815.75
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Dr.

County of Middlesex	\$815.75
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TOWN CLERK.

Cr.

Appropriation March, 1914	\$150.00
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Dr.

Selwyn H. Graham, salary	\$125.00
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Other expenses.

Selwyn H. Graham, recording....	7.05
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A. W. Brownell, supplies	8.30		
		<u>140.35</u>	
			140.35
Balance Dec. 31, 1914			<u>\$9.65</u>

TOWN HALL.

Cr.

By taxation	\$1,000.00
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Dr.

Catherine Rogan, land	\$570.80		
Wm. J. C. Semple, surveying....	10.00		
Loring & Phipps, architects.....	280.00		
		<u>860.80</u>	
			860.80

Balance Dec. 31, 1914	\$139.20
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Unpaid bill \$15.00. To be reimbursed by Trustees of Marshall Simonds \$595.80.

TREE WARDEN.

Cr.

Appropriation March, 1914.....	\$100.00		
Balance Dec. 31, 1913	1.50		
		<u>101.50</u>	
			\$101.50

Dr.

Walter W. Skelton	\$6.00		
Walter S. McIntire	18.00		
Wm. G. Fuller .....	.90		
Thomas I. Reed .....	.90		
		<u>25.80</u>	

Pay Roll Elm Beetle.

Walter W. Skelton	9.00
Wm. J. Pollock	7.50
C. C. Jenkins	6.00
C. P. Knowles	6.00

George D. Getchall	6.00		
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			60.30
Balance Dec. 31, 1914			<hr/>
			\$41.20

TREASURER.

Cr.

Appropriation March, 1914	\$113.34
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Dr.

Walter S. McIntire, salary.....	\$83.34	
<i>Other expenses.</i>		
E. M. Peters, bond	20.00	
Bureau of Statistics, certifying		
notes	6.00	
	<hr/>	109.34
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Balance Dec. 31, 1914		\$4.00

Report of the Town Hall Committee

To the Citizens of Burlington—

The Town Hall Committee wish to submit the following report. At a town meeting held June 1, 1914, the Town voted that the Town build a Town Hall not to exceed in cost \$15,000, including building and the purchase of land. The rate of interest not to exceed 4 1-2 per cent. The following Committee was appointed by the Town: E. D. Bennett, James McLaughlin, D. E. Barnum, Hugh McCafferty and Horace B. Skelton. The Committee met and was organized with E. D. Bennett as Chairman and D. E. Barnum as Clerk. The Committee purchased from Mrs. Catherine Rogan a location for the Hall and a deed was drawn in favor of the Town and the land paid for, the price being \$570.80. An architect was hired to draw plans and specifications for a building not to exceed \$15,000 and bids were asked for the construction of the same. The bids were received and opened Sept. 5, 1914, and all were above \$15,000 and were rejected. At a special Town Meeting held Nov. 9, 1914, the Town voted to include the Rogan lot in the Simonds Park and to accept from the Simonds trustees a sum of \$5,000, to be used with the \$15,000 for a Town Hall and to pay all expense on the Rogan lot. The Committee met at the Stevenson place and voted to accept a part of the same for a location for the Town Hall. And this Committee would recommend to the Town that they make some provision for the moving of the building on the Stevenson place to a location near the Blodgette property and to use the land for a Town Hall location.

EDWARD D. BENNETT,
DAVID E. BARNUM,
JAMES McLAUGHLIN,
HORACE B. SKELTON.

Report of the Civic and Development Committee

Monthly meetings have been held and not only the development of Burlington has been discussed but the ways and means that are necessary to enable such development.

It is not so difficult a matter to make plans for numerous improvements as it is to provide the necessary funds ; nevertheless we feel that the plans should be made and carefully preserved so that whatever money can be spared for this work each year will be expended not only to accomplish the particular thing in hand but fit into the whole plan.

Burlington is to have a new Town Hall and it will be one in which we can take pride. The setting or location of this building is very important.

The Trustees of the Simonds Estate offered to donate a plot of ground considered more desirable than that originally purchased for the Town Hall, and further are willing to have the present store buildings moved to the proposed site if desired and thereby permit the erection of the Town Hall on the property now occupied by the store buildings.

To obtain more expert opinion on this subject and also the development of the Civic center of the town, we arranged a visit by Mr. P. H. Elwood of the Extension Service of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Mr. Elwood, before leaving us, said he was very enthusiastic over Burlington's possibilities. Its location, height, and the natural beauty of the country make it an ideal home site. Some of us have felt the town isolated and therefore handicapped because we have no railroad ; Mr. Elwood considered this a distinct advantage. It means no factories, poor transportation facilities, and a few other disadvantages, but it also means a smaller percentage of foreigners, less smoke, dirt, and noise, and a more desirable home place.

Mr. Elwood was particularly enthusiastic over the possibilities of a future Common bounded by Center and Bedford Streets and the State Road. He believes the natural advantages assisted by the town's efforts towards development will attract many desirable residence seekers and also increase materially not only the surrounding property values but those farther from the center as well. Since we cannot have factories to increase the population and thereby the town's revenue, it must be increased in other ways. We must make others see that Burlington is a desirable place in which to live.

The Massachusetts Agricultural College are preparing a plan for the Civic Center, or Common, for the Town's approval. Changes may be suggested and made but eventually we should have a definite, settled plan and then each year endeavor to accomplish some part of it.

One of the first things we feel should be done is to advertise the Town; let people know who we are and where we are. A stranger may go through Burlington over any road, via trolley, automobile, or shank's mare and not know it. We should ask the Boston and Northern to paint the name on the stations and keep these stations in better repair. At some favorable place on the main roads entering the town a neatly painted sign should give the town name and state briefly that information regarding home sites or farms can be had of the Town Clerk. We can then file with the Town Clerk a list of such property as we may wish to sell. This will bring the prospective buyer direct to the property owner and without cost to either.

A very considerable improvement can be made in certain directions by a little co-operation and less money. The grounds of our public buildings could be made more attractive. Except for the roadside trees, our schoolhouse grounds have only one tree visible from the road. The driveway could be lined with a hedge. Shrubs in the corners each side of the entrance would be a big improvement. The scholars, guided by the teachers, could do these things and as most of the shrubs, etc., could be found in the woods or donated, there would be practically no expense.

Some improvement along the same lines could be made on our church grounds. A bank of shrubs and perhaps a simple flower garden would make quite a difference; and we think this

need cost the town little more than the suggestion.

The Library also needs a little attention.

We have spoken of the trolley stations. Perhaps we cannot induce the Boston & Northern to do more than paint the town name and street on them but we can try; and failing, a little grass, a shrub or two would not cost much—labor donated.

It would be only natural for this movement to extend to our individual homes.

Here and there about the town, there are houses or buildings that are very unsightly. If a general movement of this kind is started the owners would undoubtedly do all in their means to help the thing along.

Our highways, generally speaking, are good; much better than almost any other town of equal population and better than some much larger. Some improvement can be made in the road sides, however. The gutters should be kept clean, brush cut down, and where there are no trees some should be planted. They need cost nothing but the labor, and perhaps not that.

The great disadvantage which we have is the over supply of waste brush land. We have had this matter up with the Massachusetts Agricultural College, also the State, and although the question is now before the legislature no real economical or practical plan has been suggested. Some towns are clearing and planting to forests. The State offers prizes to towns doing the best work in this direction. Orchards are being planted and while they require more care they bring greater profits and quicker. Waste brush land is a very serious problem and the Committee will welcome and carefully consider suggestions for its solution.

Camp lots—another drawback. The individual lots increase temporarily in value perhaps but they are hardly a good asset for a self-respecting town. Many must be taken over for taxes by the town. These are scattered and their disposition is another problem the Committee have not solved. Also, the type of dwelling usually erected on these lots is not much of an asset to the town. This is a matter to be seriously considered. A building inspector backed with proper authority may be necessary. Probably the enactment of a law on building restrictions will be sufficient to stop the evil. If the buyers cannot build a cheap camp they do not want the lots.

Co-operation.—It has performed wonders in other communities. When it gets started in Burlington we will have the best town within a fifty-mile radius of the State House. It has built highways, power plants, municipal factories, even towns and cities,—no end of big things. Some people think co-operation is helping the other fellow at some sacrifice of time or money. That is a mistake. Co-operation is having the other fellow help you.

Co-operation and Finances should be talked of together. We must have some of both but the more we have of co-operation the less we need of money. With the regular burdens the Town must carry, probably little can be spared for this development work however important it may be, and if the taxes were increased to take care of the expense we would all kick. But suppose one hundred (100) men of Burlington each agreed to give the town one-half day per month of his time—six days in a year. It is not much, but it means six hundred (600) days' work for the town. That would do wonders for the town and no individual would lose anything, but instead would gain. The question is:—Shall we do it?

The Committee have considered these and other matters and have made certain recommendations and there ends their power. We will close our report with one further recommendation; namely, that to start and carry on this work \$250.00 be appropriated from the funds of the town *provided* an additional \$250.00 be raised by subscription.

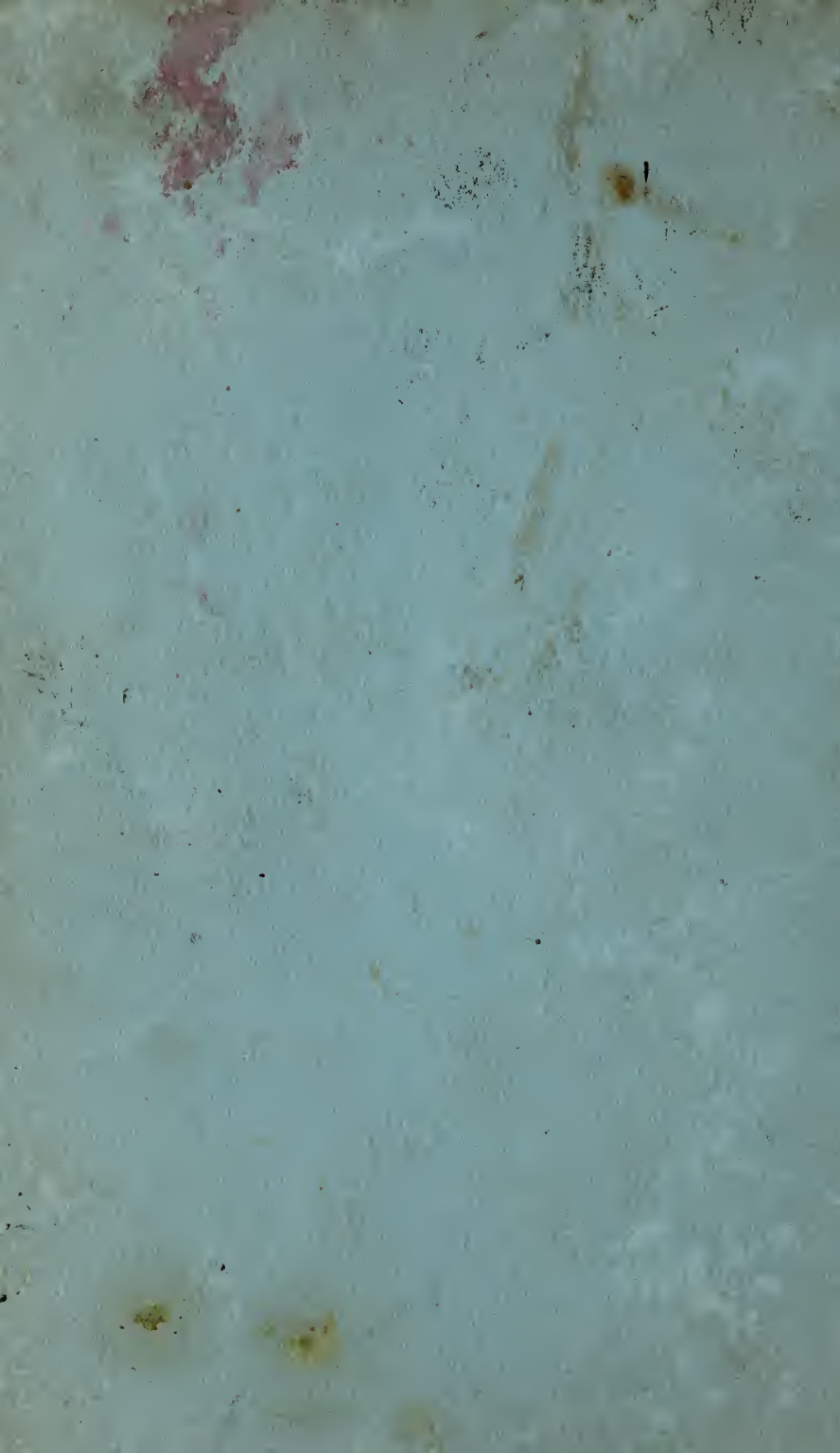
Respectfully submitted,

E. B. PARKE,
THOMAS W. POLLOCK,
SELWYN H. GRAHAM,
WALTER W. SKELTON,
JAMES McLAUGHLIN.
Committee.

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